

EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

HONORING DR. XIAODONG WANG

HON. MICHAEL C. BURGESS

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, February 27, 2007

Mr. BURGESS. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Dr. Xiaodong Wang, professor of biochemistry at UT Southwestern Medical Center, for his research on cell death.

Dr. Wang has been awarded the 2007 Richard Lounsbery Award by the National Academy of Sciences for his extraordinary achievement in biology and medicine. This high honor includes a \$50,000 award and a prestigious medal. As a Howard Hughes Medical Institute investigator, Dr. Wang studies apoptosis, programmed cell death, which is applicable to numerous diseases, including cancer.

Last year, I honored Dr. Xiaodong Wang for being awarded the \$1 million Shaw Prize in Life Science and Medicine for his discovery of the biochemical basis of programmed cell death which is a vital process that balances cell birth and prevents cancer. His scientific breakthrough marks a turning point in the history of medicine and will indeed benefit the lives of millions around the world.

As a UT Southwestern Medical Center alumnus, it is with great honor that I am able to congratulate Dr. Xiaodong Wang on his remarkable scientific achievement. His intelligence and dedication to the field of science and medicine has proven him to be an outstanding professor and mentor. Dr. Wang is an inspiration and a role model to many, and I am proud to represent him in Congress.

CONGRATULATING AUBURN HIGH SCHOOL ATHLETES

HON. MICHAEL A. ARCURI

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, February 27, 2007

Mr. ARCURI. Madam Speaker, I would like to recognize the Auburn Maroons of Auburn High School for making history in winning the Class AA New York State Football Championship on November 25, 2006—their first-ever Class AA State championship.

The athletes of Auburn High School in New York's 24th district and their coach, Dave Moskov, proved their ability and dedication as they brought 10,000 fans to Syracuse University's Carrier Dome, cheering them onto victory. In the championship game, the Maroons defeated the Monroe-Woodbury Crusaders in overtime by a score of 27–26.

Having played football at Proctor High School and later, at SUNY-Albany, I know how much hard work and commitment goes into developing a successful football team. I commend these players and Coach Moskov for their outstanding efforts. They have certainly made their families, their friends, and their community very proud.

I am honored to have such skilled athletes and committed fans as part of my constituency and would once again like to congratulate the Maroons on this notable accomplishment.

RECOGNIZING WILL DAVID MORRIS
FOR ACHIEVING THE RANK OF
EAGLE SCOUT

HON. SAM GRAVES

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, February 27, 2007

Mr. GRAVES. Madam Speaker, I proudly pause to recognize Will David Morris, a very special young man who has exemplified the finest qualities of citizenship and leadership by taking an active part in the Boy Scouts of America, Troop 374, and in earning the most prestigious award of Eagle Scout.

Will has been very active with his troop, participating in many Scout activities. Over the years Will has been involved with Scouting, he has not only earned numerous merit badges, but also the respect of his family, peers, and community.

Will's dedication to his school work and church are outstanding. Will works hard in school, while being an active member of the Liberty United Methodist Church, where he plays guitar in "Decided," the youth praise band, sings in the JAM youth choir and participates in Sunday school and the evening youth group. Will has also contributed significantly to the community, by leading a group of Scouts, friends, and adults in landscaping the Outdoor Worship Center at Liberty United Methodist Church. Will and his crew planted more than a dozen low-maintenance bushes and shrubs.

Madam Speaker, I proudly ask you to join me in commending Will David Morris for his accomplishments with the Boy Scouts of America and for his efforts put forth in achieving the highest distinction of Eagle Scout.

IN PRAISE OF JACKSON, MI
RESIDENT ALICE MANNING

HON. TIMOTHY WALBERG

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, February 27, 2007

Mr. WALBERG. Madam Speaker, the renowned author William Shakespeare once wrote, "How far that little candle throws his beams! So shines a good deed in a weary world."

Madam Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to Alice Manning, an 87-year-old resident of Jackson, Michigan whose example has been a shining light to her community for over fifty years.

According to a February 21, 2007 article in the Jackson Citizen-Patriot, Manning took a first-aid course through the American Red Cross in March of 1956 and began volunteering with the organization.

To this day, the dedicated mother of two, grandmother of four and great-grandmother of four hasn't stopped.

Though she has never actually donated blood due to the Red Cross' weight requirement of 110 pounds, Alice has served the organization in various capacities for more than 50 years.

One blood donation can save up to three lives, and Alice has been an integral part of American Red Cross' efforts in the Jackson area.

So we thank Alice Manning for going above and beyond the call of duty by working to save lives in south-central Michigan through her service to the American Red Cross Blood Center.

IN MEMORY OF ADJUTANT
GENERAL CHARLES M. KIEFNER

HON. IKE SKELTON

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, February 27, 2007

Mr. SKELTON. Madam Speaker, it is with deep sadness that I inform the House of the death of Adjutant GEN Charles Kiefner.

General Kiefner was born on June 28, 1930, in Cape Girardeau, MO. Upon completion of high school, he attended Westminster College. Kiefner began his military career by enlisting in the Missouri National Guard as a private in Company F, 140th Infantry Regiment. On September 11, 1950, he entered active duty with Missouri's 175th Military Police Battalion.

General Kiefner was commissioned a second lieutenant, Infantry, on December 21, 1951. He served as a platoon leader, company commander, battalion motor officer, battalion S-2, brigade adjutant and S-3, executive officer and logistics officer on the staff of the adjutant general.

General Kiefner was appointed adjutant general by Governor Christopher "Kit" Bond on May 8, 1973, and would serve in this capacity until March 1977. As a member of the U.S. Army Reserve he served as a liaison officer to the U.S. Military Academy, West Point, from 1978 to 1980. He was re-appointed to lead the Missouri National Guard by Governor Bond in 1981 and Governor Ashcroft re-appointed him in 1989. While serving in this position, General Kiefner served as president of the National Guard Association of the United States.

General Kiefner retired from the National Guard in 1993 and was promoted to the grade of lieutenant general, Missouri National Guard Retired Listm, by Governor Mel Carnahan. His decorations and awards include: the Distinguished Service Medal, Legion of Merit with Oak Leaf Cluster, Meritorious Service Medal, Army Commendation Medal, Air Force Commendation Medal, Good Conduct Medal, Army Reserve Components Achievement Medal, Humanitarian Service Medal, Armed Forces Reserve Medal, Department of Defense Identification Badge, Ranger Tab, the NGB and

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NGAUS Distinguished Service Medal, Missouri Meritorious Service Medal, Missouri Conspicuous Service Medal, Distinguished Service Medal: Indiana, Minnesota, and Tennessee; Minnesota Medal for Merit, 1992 Distinguished Alumni-Award-Westminster College, Field Artillery Association Order of St. Barbara, Army Engineers Association Silver Order of the de Fleury Medal, and the Sons of the American Revolution Silver Good Citizenship Award.

Madam Speaker, General Kiefner was a valuable leader who was respected by everyone who knew him. I know the Members of the House will join me in extending heartfelt condolences to his wife Marilyn and his sons, John and Keith.

IN REMEMBRANCE OF RONALD G.
JONILA

HON. DENNIS J. KUCINICH

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, February 27, 2007

Mr. KUCINICH. Madam Speaker, I rise today in remembrance of Ronald G. Jonila, and to celebrate his lifelong commitment to the American worker. As the president of the United Auto Worker's Local 1005, Ron was an active proponent for worker's rights and served his union with integrity and honor.

For years, the American workforce has been confronted with numerous challenges from our economy and our world. Through it all, Ron was a model of constancy, devoting all his efforts to protecting workers' rights, fighting for workforce protections, and ensuring that Local 1005 thrived in an environment increasingly inhospitable to the American worker.

Ron never shied from a battle when his brothers and sisters of Local 1005 stood in harm's way. Whether the issue was jobs, health care, pensions, or working conditions, Ron always led the charge, and Local 1005 was well-served by his leadership.

Ron's devotion to the labor movement was exceeded in intensity and passion only by his commitment to his family. Ron was a generous and caring husband to Patricia; a loving father to Anthony, Nicholas, Thomas and Christopher; and the proud "Papa" of Jason and Thomas.

Madam Speaker and colleagues, please join me in honoring the memory of Ron Jonila. On February 20, 2007 we lost a wonderful husband, father, grandfather, friend and brother, but his unwavering commitment to family as well as the American workforce will serve as a model for us all.

IN RECOGNITION OF MIKE DE LA
CRUZ

HON. DENNIS A. CARDOZA

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, February 27, 2007

Mr. CARDOZA. Madam Speaker, it is with the greatest of pleasure that I rise today to honor a renowned reporter from my district, Mike De La Cruz, who retired from the Merced Sun Star on December 29, 2006 after more than 37 years on the beat.

Mike De La Cruz was the authority in and around Merced on news relating to law en-

forcement. He developed a great relationship with local authorities and earned the reputation of being a knowledgeable and ethical reporter. He chronicled Merced County's criminals in a style that mixed straight news with a tone of mild bemusement at how people ended up on the wrong side of the law.

Throughout his career, Mike has had his share of memorable moments such as the time he broke his ankle jumping over a fence while attempting to cover a police raid on marijuana growers. Or the time he suffered a terrible sunburn after waiting for hours in an orchard for deputies to bust a cock-fighting ring. Whatever the situation, Mike utilized his extensive contacts to ensure his stories were accurate, and at the same time to assure the people of Merced that law enforcement was looking out for them. Over the 37 years that he put pen to paper, Mike always garnered respect for his balanced reporting.

Madam Speaker, journalism in Merced will never be the same without the quick witted and balanced reporting of Mike De La Cruz. He will be missed by local law enforcement and the faithful readers of the Merced Sun Star. I want to take this time to express my sincere thanks to Mike De La Cruz for his many years of dedicated service and for all that he has done for our community. I certainly hope his future is as colorful and rewarding as his past. My fellow colleagues, I ask that you please rise to join me in honoring Mike De La Cruz.

TELEPHONE FEDERAL EXCISE TAX
REPEAL BILL INTRODUCTION

HON. JOHN LEWIS

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, February 27, 2007

Mr. JOHN LEWIS of Georgia. Madam Speaker, I rise today with my colleagues, Representative JIM RAMSTAD, Representative RICK BOUCHER, and Representative GARY MILLER to introduce the Telephone Excise Repeal Act of 2007. Our bill will repeal this 107-year-old tax that is outdated and is only paid by Americans that cannot pay for expensive communications services.

The telephone FET was introduced in 1898 as a "luxury" tax to fund the Spanish American War. While it may have made sense then, there is no question that telecommunication services today are necessities, not luxuries.

Telephone tax revenues, first collected in 1898 to help finance the Spanish-American War, are deposited in the General Fund. Unlike other excise tax revenues, these revenues are not deposited into a specific account such as the Highway Trust Fund, which is made up of gas tax revenues. Additionally, other excise taxes serve the purpose of decreasing consumption of the taxed product; the FET serves no such purpose. A telephone is a necessity for every American, and thus does not fit with this list of "luxury" and other excise tax items.

The FET is now regressive and disproportionately burdens low-income, rural and lifeline telephone subscribers who have only local telephone service. As more and more Americans buy bundled communication services, the projected tax revenue collected from the FET continues to decrease and only affect those

with the least means to purchase more costly packages. CBO estimates that this tax will bring in \$1.5 billion over the next 10 years.

This tax is contrary to the national goal of having an advanced, highly efficient, and low cost communications network to serve the American people. Please help us hang up on the telephone tax by joining us on this legislation.

HONORING DR. JAMES WILSON

HON. MICHAEL C. BURGESS

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, February 27, 2007

Mr. BURGESS. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Dr. James Wilson, director of the Harold C. Simmons Comprehensive Cancer Center at UT Southwestern Medical Center.

Dr. Wilson has recently been appointed to the National Cancer Institute's board of scientific advisors due to his outstanding achievements in the field of medicine. As a medical expert on the panel, he will be advising the NCI director on a variety of issues concerning scientific program policy, as well as the progress and future direction of extramural research programs of the cancer institute. As a UT Southwestern Medical Center alumnus, it is with great honor that I am able to congratulate Dr. James Wilson on his prestigious appointment. His intelligence and dedication to the field of science and medicine has proven him to be an outstanding professor and mentor. Dr. Wilson is an inspiration and a role model to many, and I am proud to represent him in Congress.

IN RECOGNITION OF WILLIAM
GRIFFEN

HON. MICHAEL A. ARCURI

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, February 27, 2007

Mr. ARCURI. Madam Speaker, I would like to recognize the truly honorable life of Mr. William Griffen of Tully, New York. Mr. Griffen was a student, an educator, an activist, a writer, a father, a husband, a friend, a neighbor, and an inspiration. Mr. Griffen will be remembered for the enthusiasm and sincerity he brought to his work throughout his 78 years.

Mr. Griffen attended SUNY Cortland where he received his B.S. in Education and went on to attend Cornell University, earning his M.A. and Ed.D. Mr. Griffen taught in Brentwood and Marathon, New York, for several years before returning to Cortland to become SUNY Cortland's longest-tenured Professor of Education. A beloved institution, Mr. Griffen was also honored as a distinguished alumnus of the university, "teaching for over forty years and diligently working for peace and social justice at the local, state, national and international levels."

Mr. Griffen aspired to influence our country on many levels, running for Congress twice, in 1968 and 1990. His extensive contribution through his writings has been seen in over 50 articles addressing war, technology, civil

rights, and revolution. Additionally, he coauthored the book of Lessons of the Vietnam War—A Critical Examination of School Texts and an Interpretive Comparative History Utilizing the Pentagon Papers and Other Documents. During the Vietnam War, he was responsible for starting the Cortland Citizens for Peace organization and went on to become very active in the anti-war movement. Mr. Griffen's dedication to activism also led him to Mississippi and Tennessee with the historic, pioneering freedom riders, where he worked to register minority voters so they could have a voice in government.

Even in his later days, Mr. Griffen continued his spirit of activism, helping the American Cancer Society by participating in a new program for people diagnosed with prostate cancer. He trained volunteers in upstate New York to counsel cancer patients and served on the speakers' bureau at the Syracuse Man-to-Man Cancer Support Group.

Many say that Mr. Griffen was truly a renaissance man, with interests in baseball, jazz, nature, photography, and the environment. He and his wife, Judy, had three children: Mark, Kimberly, and Amy.

William Griffen gave his heart and soul to improve the lives of the people he touched. His contributions and his sacrifices will live on for generations in upstate New York and around our great country. Thank you, Mr. Griffen.

TRIBUTE TO MICHAEL
BAHARAEEN FOR THE AWARD
OF EAGLE SCOUT

HON. SAM GRAVES

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, February 27, 2007

Mr. GRAVES. Madam Speaker, I proudly pause to recognize Michael Baharaeen, a very special young man who has exemplified the finest qualities of citizenship and leadership by taking an active part in the Boy Scouts of America, Troop 354, and by earning the most prestigious award of Eagle Scout.

Michael has been very active with his troop, participating in many scout activities. Over the years, Michael has been involved in scouting, he has earned 39 merit badges and held numerous leadership positions, serving as Patrol Leader and Scribe and is a member of the Tribe of Mic-O-Say.

For his Eagle Scout project, Michael built a storage area and refurbished playground equipment at Crestview Elementary in Kansas City, Missouri.

Madam Speaker, I proudly ask you to join me in commending Michael Baharaeen for his accomplishments with the Boy Scouts of America and for his efforts put forth in achieving the highest distinction of Eagle Scout.

IN PRAISE OF SCENE MAGAZINE'S
"MAN OF THE YEAR," JIM
HETTINGER

HON. TIMOTHY WALBERG

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, February 27, 2007

Mr. WALBERG. Madam Speaker, Jim Hettinger, a constituent of mine from Battle

Creek, MI, will be recognized as Scene Magazine's "Man of the Year" this Thursday. Mr. Hettinger is receiving this honor for his work in and around the community of Battle Creek over the past three decades.

Mr. Hettinger's work has spanned all areas of community service; from education to economic development to the arts to food banks to health care. Jim Hettinger has touched many lives in his community.

In 1978, Mr. Hettinger was named president of Battle Creek Unlimited, an organization, which brings together government, non-profit and business groups for the sole purpose of furthering the development of the economy of Battle Creek and Calhoun County.

Highlights of Mr. Hettinger's leadership of Battle Creek Unlimited include saving the Federal Center in Battle Creek in 1993, the addition of Duncan Aviation and Western Michigan College of Aviation and the establishment of the West Michigan Aviation Research Foundation. As the article in Scene Magazine honoring Mr. Hettinger states, "the Research Foundation will help to promote economic development and attract research dollars to this community."

Mr. Hettinger is probably best known for his efforts and foresight in transforming Fort Custer, which was an abandoned military training base, into the 3,000-acre Fort Custer Industrial Park, the largest modern industrial park in Michigan. Today, the industrial park has over 90 companies and employs thousands of good paying, high-skilled jobs.

This is not the first award for Mr. Hettinger as he has been rightfully showered with praise for his commitment to the Calhoun County community. Mr. Hettinger received Governor Engler's first Economic Developer of the Year award in 1995. He received Certificates of Recognition for Community Service from Presidents Bill Clinton and George W. Bush in 1999 and 2001 respectively. Mr. Hettinger's community service endeavors are too expansive to list here today, and his work is best displayed by the tremendous number of lives he has touched throughout his career in Battle Creek.

I extend my sincere appreciation and offer the congratulations of the U.S. Congress to Mr. Jim Hettinger for being named Scene Magazine's "Man of the Year."

INTRODUCTION OF H. RES. 171,
HONORING THE LIFE OF THE
MARQUIS DE LAFAYETTE

HON. IKE SKELTON

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, February 27, 2007

Mr. SKELTON. Madam Speaker, as a lifelong resident of Lafayette County, MO, it gives me great pleasure to introduce H. Res. 171, a resolution honoring the life of the Marquis de Lafayette on the occasion of the 250th anniversary of his birth.

Lafayette occupies a considerable place in the history of the United States. More than any one person, he symbolizes the assistance American colonists received from Europe in the struggle for independence from Great Britain.

Lafayette was a man of considerable military skill who sympathized with American rev-

olutionary fighters. After withdrawing from the French army and traveling across the ocean at his own expense, the Congress voted Lafayette the rank and commission of major general in the Continental Army. His military service during the Revolutionary War was invaluable to GEN George Washington, earning him the title of "the soldier's friend." Lafayette's strategic thinking and dedication as a general officer serve as a model for present day military personnel.

After achieving military victory, Lafayette returned to France, helping the U.S. to secure trade agreements and critical loans with European nations. He also became a prominent figure in the French Revolution, speaking out in support of universal freedom and human rights.

Because of Lafayette's commitment to America, Congress honored him with awards of money and land. Congress was also presented a life-size portrait of Lafayette that hangs in the Chamber of the U.S. House of Representatives. The portrait is one of only two in the House Chamber. The other is of President George Washington, Lafayette's closest friend and role model.

At the invitation of President James Monroe, Lafayette returned to the United States in 1824 and 1825. He embarked upon a triumphant tour, during which he visited 25 States, including Missouri, and he became the first foreign dignitary to address a joint session of Congress. During this visit and thereafter, various American leaders honored Lafayette by naming many cities, towns, and counties for him. Lafayette County, MO, which is my home, is named for Lafayette.

As we take a moment this year to honor the Marquis de Lafayette on the occasion of his 250th birthday, let us remember how he helped secure American independence and helped establish the United States as an international presence. The values of democracy espoused by our Founding Fathers and by Lafayette have been the bedrock of U.S. domestic and international policymaking for generations.

I urge all Americans and especially those in the military to study Lafayette as America pays tribute to him.

IN REMEMBRANCE OF REVEREND
ROBERT DRINAN

HON. DENNIS J. KUCINICH

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, February 27, 2007

Mr. KUCINICH. Madam Speaker, I rise today in honor of Reverend Robert Drinan. Father Drinan was a great humanitarian that showed the world that being a servant of the people was not a conflict of interest when serving the Lord.

Father Robert Drinan effortlessly assimilated pious servitude with politics, showing that the purpose of both was oftentimes the same. He was an active and prominent voice when it came to civil rights, and as the Dean of Boston College Law School he called for and supported desegregation. He also challenged the students of Boston College Law School to be active in the civil rights movement.

Father Drinan was the first Roman Catholic priest to be elected to Congress. In 1970, Father Drinan ran for Congress on an anti-war

platform after a visit to South Vietnam, where he discovered that the number of political prisoners was increasing despite claims from the State Department. He later urged the Catholic Church to condemn war as "morally objectionable." Father Drinan continued to serve faithfully as he represented the constituents of Massachusetts in the House of Representatives for ten years.

His attention was not reserved to Vietnam or civil rights. Father Drinan was also an outspoken advocate for the underprivileged and, after leaving his Congressional office in 1980, he maintained his commitment to the poor and the marginalized. He served as the president for Americans for Democratic Action, and traveled the country giving speeches on hunger and the dangers of the arms race.

Madam Speaker and colleagues, please join me in honoring the memory of Reverend Robert Drinan, whose fierce devotion to the most vulnerable among us serves as a model for all of us who continue to serve those in need.

IN RECOGNITION OF JOSEPH
EDWARD GALLO

HON. DENNIS A. CARDOZA

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, February 27, 2007

Mr. CARDOZA. Madam Speaker, it is with the greatest respect and sincerity that I rise today to honor an exceptional community leader, the late Mr. Joseph Edward Gallo. Mr. Gallo, a prominent Merced County rancher, dairyman and cheese producer, died February 17, 2007 at his home in Livingston, California at the age of 87.

Joseph Gallo started life as an immigrant's son on September 11, 1919 in Antioch, California, and ended it as one of the most successful dairymen in the country. He was the youngest of three boys to parents Joseph Sr. and Susie Gallo who moved to California from the Piedmont region of northern Italy. At a young age, Joe moved to Modesto, California with his family, and attended Franklin Grammar School. In 1937, Joseph graduated from Modesto High School and began his studies at Modesto Junior College. He then enlisted in the U.S. Army Air Corps during World War II and served in the Philippine Islands and Korea. In 1945, one year before he left the Army Joseph married Mary Ann Arata of Modesto and together they had three children: Peter Joseph, Michael David and Linda Ann. The family suffered a great loss in 1968 when 1st Lt. Peter Gallo was killed in action in Vietnam. Michael and Linda are partners in the Gallo business and farming enterprises, Michael serving as CEO since his father's retirement and Linda's husband Kenny is Ranch Operations Manager for the firm.

When Joseph returned home from the service, he became the ranch manager for his brothers' grape-growing operation, E&J Gallo Vineyards in Livingston. In 1966 Joseph married Patricia Morgan-Gardali of Modesto. Patricia and her nine year old son, Sam Gardali, joined the family, making their home in Livingston. During the 20 years he worked for his brothers' operation, he was also developing his own vineyard and cattle business. Joseph eventually accumulated 4,000 acres of vineyards, at one time becoming one of Califor-

nia's largest wine grape growers. In the years following, his interest in livestock developed and in 1979 Joseph built his first dairy with 4,000 milking cows. Four more dairies would follow as did the founding of the Joseph Gallo Dairy & Cheese Co. in 1982. In the 25 years since, Joseph's business has flourished and in addition to becoming a successful agricultural organization, it has become a leader in protecting the environment and public health for this and future generations. I remember as a child always hearing my father talk about what an amazing farmer Joe Gallo was and how impressed he was with how the Gallo operation had skillfully grown from a small ranch to one of the nation's most successful dairyman and cheese producers. His success was truly phenomenal and reflective of Joe's commitment, hard work and dedication to his business.

The Joseph Gallo Farms tradition and commitment to balancing success with environmental responsibility is unmatched and has set the standard for farming operations across the country. Joseph Gallo will be remembered as one of the early pioneers in using methane from manure as a source of electricity. He has been recognized by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, and was most recently named the International Dairy Foods Association's Innovative Dairy Farmer of the Year. Joseph's interest in environmentally conscious farming had much to do with his love of the outdoors, especially hunting, fishing and traveling. His work has truly helped shape the future of environmentally-friendly farming and will forever be admired and remembered for his ingenuity.

Throughout his life, Joseph has supported and been involved with countless community organizations and foundations including the Livingston Community Health Center, Mercy Medical Center Merced, St. Jude's Catholic School and Emanuel Hospital Chairman's Club of Turlock. He was also a major contributor to the Veteran's Memorial Wall in Washington, D.C. in memory of his son Peter. Joseph's legacy will also be memorialized in the Joseph Edward Gallo Recreation and Wellness Center at the University of California, Merced, after his son Michael and daughter Linda donated funds to its construction in their father's name.

Joseph Gallo is survived by his wife of 41 years, Patricia; his son Michael and wife Lori; his daughter Linda and husband Kenny Jelacich; his stepson Sam Gardali and wife Kay; and six grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his son Peter, and his brother, Julio Gallo. He is also survived by his brother Ernest Gallo. Madam Speaker, it is my distinct honor and privilege to join our community and the Gallo family in honoring the life and legacy of Mr. Joseph Edward Gallo. We lost a pioneer, a community leader and a dear friend in his passing.

INTRODUCTION OF THE KIDNEY
CARE QUALITY AND EDUCATION
ACT

HON. JOHN LEWIS

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, February 27, 2007

Mr. LEWIS of Georgia. Madam Speaker, I rise in support of the Kidney Care Quality and

Education Act that I am proud to introduce today with my colleague from Michigan, Mr. CAMP. This comprehensive legislation will help educate Americans about how to prevent and delay the onset of kidney disease and ensure high quality care for patients with irreversible kidney failure.

More than 400,000 Americans have kidney failure, which is also known as End Stage Renal Disease (ESRD). The only treatment available to these patients is a kidney transplant or renal dialysis. Because there are so few kidneys available for transplantation, most dialysis patients must undergo 3-hour treatment sessions three to four times per week.

Diabetes and hypertension are two of the leading causes of kidney disease. We continue to see the numbers of Americans with these conditions rise, and as a result, we will continue to see more Americans suffering from chronic kidney disease. Statistics show that African Americans are particularly at risk for kidney disease and kidney failure. They make up more than one third of all patients on dialysis in this country. Most alarming, the growth rate of kidney failure among African Americans age 30 to 39 has risen 26 percent since 2000 and it shows no signs of stopping. African Americans have a higher risk of developing the conditions that lead to kidney failure. For example, the American Heart Association reports that more than 40 percent of African Americans have hypertension. African Americans with diabetes experience kidney failure about four times more often than white Americans with diabetes. In addition, African Americans are less likely to receive treatment in the early stages of the disease or to learn about how they can slow the progress of kidney disease.

The Kidney Care Quality and Education Act will help address these issues by improving public awareness about kidney disease and improving access to quality care. The importance of educating our citizens about kidney disease cannot be understated. The Kidney Care Quality and Education Act will provide funding to establish critical educational programs to increase public awareness about kidney disease treatment and prevention. These programs will also help people already suffering from chronic kidney disease and kidney failure, by providing important self-management skills that will improve their quality of life and help them continue their normal activities, such as working. This legislation also takes steps to improve the quality of kidney care by creating a 3-year Continuous Quality Improvement Initiative within the Medicare ESRD Program.

I urge my colleagues to join me in supporting this important legislation, which also has the support of all sectors of the kidney care community. We should maintain our commitment to Americans with kidney failure by improving the quality of care for these patients and help slow the occurrence of chronic kidney disease and kidney failure.

CONGRATULATING MR. PAT LOBB

HON. MICHAEL C. BURGESS

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, February 27, 2007

Mr. BURGESS. Madam Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Mr. Pat Lobb for being

recognized as having an environmentally friendly car dealership.

Mr. Pat Lobb's dealership, Pat Lobb Toyota and Scion, was recently recognized by the National Automobile Dealers Association as a certified Leadership of Energy and Environmental Design facility. The dealership is of a unique design, having exterior panels made of recycled aluminum, a cistern that captures and reuses rainwater and condensation, and a special membrane roof. Although the facility cost 5 to 7 percent more than a conventional dealership, Mr. Lobb intends to recover the difference in 3 to 5 years from energy and water savings.

Having recently built a new eco-friendly home, I have witnessed first hand the benefits of planning to construct environmentally friendly businesses. I certainly hope that Mr. Lobb's decision encourages others to follow in his footsteps.

I would like to join Mr. Pat Lobb's family and friends in congratulating him on this outstanding achievement. His concern for energy and the environment has led to a creative design that contributes to the safety and wellbeing of our community. I am proud to represent Mr. Lobb in Washington, and may his compassion and dedication be an inspiration to us all.

IRAQ WAR RESOLUTION

SPEECH OF

HON. DON YOUNG

OF ALASKA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, February 16, 2007

Mr. YOUNG of Alaska. Madam Speaker, I made a statement on the House floor as part of my participation in the debate on the War on Terror and House Concurrent Resolution 63. In that statement, I repeated a quote I had read as part of an article from the Washington Times, that I believed at the time was attributed to Abraham Lincoln, because it was cited as such. I have since learned that it was not true Abraham Lincoln quote, and even though the Times never corrected the mistake, I retract my attribution. I do stand by the sentiment however, which is that in wartime, Americans, especially America's elected leaders, should not take actions that damage the morale of our soldiers and military—and that is exactly what the non-binding resolution does. I could never in good conscience support H. Con. Res. 63. Instead, I choose to support our men and women in the military.

BROWARD COUNTY VETERANS COUNCIL RESOLUTION ON IRAQ

HON. RON KLEIN

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, February 27, 2007

Mr. KLEIN of Florida. Madam Speaker, I submit the following resolution on Iraq by the Broward County Veterans Council passed on January 16, 2007.

Whereas: The President of the United States has put forth a plan to the American people and to Congress which calls for an escalation of 20,000 or more of our troops going

to Iraq to combat the insurrection in the Bagdad and Anbar provinces.

Whereas: The majority in Congress has put forth several plans that do not include escalation of combat troops.

Whereas: The General Election of Nov. 7th showed that the American people voted for a new direction in Iraq and Afghanistan.

Whereas: The Administration has tried four times to escalate the war with the additional troops in Iraq, all to no avail in stopping the bloodshed among the Sunnis and the Shites.

Therefore: The Broward County Veterans Council, believes that the best plan is to bring our troops home now, in a phased redeployment, and start redeploying our combat troops to the outer borders of Iraq and into Kuwait. Let's get them out of harm's way, without our troops getting involved in a bloody civil war, expedite the training of Iraqi military and police forces and let the Iraqis settle their differences among themselves. At the same time bring all the regional Arab nations to a summit meeting to discuss a final political settlement as recommended by the Iraq Study Group.

Bill Kling, Chairman, Broward County Veteran Council.

This resolution was passed by the BCVC members present at the meetings and does not necessarily reflect the views of the National Veteran organizations.

TRIBUTE TO DAVID BREWER

HON. JO ANN EMERSON

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, February 27, 2007

Mrs. EMERSON. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the accomplishments and contributions of David Brewer to the city of Charleston, Missouri, in the Eighth Congressional District. Mr. Brewer is retiring from his position as city manager, a post which he has held for the last 10 years. I have personally known David for 25 years as a farmer, levee board president, a banker and then as city manager of Charleston. He has excelled in every endeavor, and I am proud to call him my friend.

As the longest-serving Charleston city manager on record, Mr. Brewer has been instrumental in attracting new business opportunities for southern Missouri and to the city of Charleston. By using Tax Increment Financing and Enhanced Enterprise Zone programs to their greatest benefit, Mr. Brewer has drastically helped to enhance the business climate in our rural part of the state. His involvement was essential to making essential city improvements, especially the new city water plant and the new wastewater lagoon, important parts of Charleston's water infrastructure.

However, I cannot sum up Dave Brewer's importance to the city and the region simply by enumerating his many accomplishments. Doing so would not adequately describe Mr. Brewer's dedication to his job and to the people he serves. Whether it was his open door policy at work or his commitment to solving problems in a fair and equitable way, Mr. Brewer took his service seriously. With a concentration on the future, Mr. Brewer volunteered his time to a number of boards and community groups. Always, Mr. Brewer thinks about how good planning and full use of the resources available to a small community can be best used to the benefit of all our citizens, present and future.

Mr. Brewer's retirement will leave a tremendous challenge for the city of Charleston to replace his expertise, his skill, and devotion to his work. Fortunately for us all, Dave Brewer has left us with an excellent head start for our future. I wish him the best of luck in his retirement and thank him for his generous years of service to our communities, our State, and our Nation.

EXPRESSING SORROW OF THE HOUSE AT THE DEATH OF THE HONORABLE CHARLIE NORWOOD, MEMBER OF CONGRESS FROM THE STATE OF GEORGIA

SPEECH OF

HON. MARSHA BLACKBURN

OF TENNESSEE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, February 14, 2007

Mrs. BLACKBURN. Mr. Speaker, it is with deep sorrow that I rise to remember the life of CHARLIE NORWOOD. I know CHARLIE had an impact on everyone that he came into contact with and we are all grieving the loss.

I had the privilege of serving with CHARLIE on the Energy and Commerce Committee. CHARLIE loved a robust discussion of the issues. He loved the ability to debate an idea and he loved espousing his conservative beliefs. When his microphone went on in committee, you could see the gleam in his eye as he readied for a hearty exchange. His love of engaging the issues was appreciated by all his colleagues on the Energy and Commerce Committee.

CHARLIE was a man of deep conviction and integrity. He will be deeply missed, not only by this body but also by his constituents and his family.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in celebrating the life and accomplishments of Congressman CHARLIE NORWOOD.

TRIBUTE TO THE UNIVERSITY OF NEW MEXICO COLLEGE OF EDUCATION

HON. HEATHER WILSON

OF NEW MEXICO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, February 27, 2007

Mrs. Wilson of New Mexico. Madam Speaker, I rise today to congratulate to the University of New Mexico College of Education.

This past January the UNM College of Education was ranked 8th in the national Faculty Scholarly Productivity by Academic Analytics, for its teacher education and professional development programs. The college has also won nine national awards for their outstanding quality and graduates 400 new teachers a year. The creation of the Institution of Professional Development, through the College of Education, encourages greater teacher quality for New Mexico teachers.

The College of Education provides a unique education. The college has six American Indian tenured or tenure-track faculty members, more than any other major college of education in the nation. More than 20 percent of the College of Education's members are Hispanic, and they have strong bilingual and

English as a second language education programs.

I would like to congratulate the UNM College of Education for their continued excellence and outstanding performance.

IN HONOR OF VACLAV HAVEL AND
THE 30TH ANNIVERSARY OF
CHARTER 77

HON. CHRISTOPHER H. SMITH

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, February 27, 2007

Mr. SMITH of New Jersey. Madam Speaker, Edmond Burke once said that, "all it takes for evil to triumph is for good men to do nothing." Thirty years ago, good men and women came together, and together, they ultimately triumphed over evil.

In 1987, I traveled to Czechoslovakia with a Helsinki Commission delegation led by my good friend, STENY HOYER, who was then Chairman of the Commission. We traveled there just ten years after the Charter 77 movement had been formed and, amazingly, in spite of persecution and imprisonment, they had managed to publish 350 documents during its first ten years. And it was clear during my visit to Prague that this organization was having an impact, especially when the communist authorities went to the trouble of preventing five independent activists, including Vaclav Havel, from meeting with us.

In spite of this, our delegation was able to meet with several other Charter 77 signatories and sympathizers: Libuse Silhanova, Josef Vohryzek, Father Vaclav Maly, Zdenek Urbanek, and Rita Klimova. Libuse Silhanova, then serving as a Charter 77 spokesperson, described her fellow Chartists as "ordinary people who happen to be part of a movement." For a group of "ordinary people," they certainly accomplished extraordinary things.

One of the most notable of these "ordinary people" was the playwright Vaclav Havel, who is today the sole surviving member of Charter 77's first three spokespersons. At a time when most Czechoslovaks preferred to keep their heads low, he held his up. When others dared not speak out, he raised up his voice. While others hid from communism in their apartments and weekend cottages, he faced it down in prison.

In 1978, Havel wrote a seminal essay entitled, "The Power of the Powerless." In it, he proposed a remarkably conspiratorial concept: the idea that those repressed by the Communist Lie actually had the power to "live for truth," and that by doing so, they could change the world in which they live.

One of the people who read this essay was Zbigniew Bujak, who became a leading Solidarity activist in Poland. Bujak described the impact of Havel's message:

This essay reached us in the Ursus factory in 1979 at a point when we felt we were at the end of the road. Inspired by KOR [the Polish Workers' Defense Committee, which preceded Solidarity], we had been speaking on the shop floor, talking to people, participating in public meetings, trying to speak the truth about the factory, the country, and politics. There came a moment when people thought we were crazy. Why were we doing this? Why were we taking such risks? Not seeing any immediate and tangible results,

we began to doubt the purposefulness of what we were doing. Shouldn't we be coming up with other methods, other ways?

Then came the essay by Havel. Reading it gave us the theoretical underpinnings for our activity. It maintained our spirits; we did not give up, and a year later—in August 1980—it became clear that the party apparatus and the factory management were afraid of us. We mattered. And the rank and file saw us as leaders of the movement. When I look at the victories of Solidarity, and of Charter 77, I see in them an astonishing fulfillment of the prophecies and knowledge contained in Havel's essay.

Vaclav Havel's essay was not just the product of clever wordsmithing; it was an act of singular heroism. In fact, shortly after writing "The Power of the Powerless," Vaclav Havel found himself in prison, again. And it should be remembered that others, including philosopher Jan Patocka, Havel's close friend, and Pavel Wonka, paid with their lives for their opposition to the Czechoslovak communist regime.

Vaclav Havel is a man who has always been guided by the courage of his convictions. Remarkably, his courage did not fade upon his assumption of the presidency. Indeed, he is all the more heroic for his steadfast commitment to human rights even from the Prague Castle. From the beginning, he was a voice of reason, not revenge, as he addressed his country's communist and totalitarian past. In 1993, he rightly identified the situation of Roma as "a litmus test for civil society." And not only has he raised human rights issues in his own country but reminds the world of the abuses taking place in Cuba and China.

Throughout his presidency, he pardoned those faced with criminal charges under communist-era laws that restrict free speech. In 2001, he spoke out against the parliament's regressive religion law, which turned the clock back on religious freedom. And he has reminded other world leaders of our shared responsibility for the poor and less fortunate the world over.

On the occasion of the 30th anniversary of the founding of Charter 77, I want to join my colleagues from the Helsinki Commission in honoring Vaclav Havel and all the men and women who signed the Charter, who supported its goals, and who helped bring democracy to Czechoslovakia.

RECOGNIZING SHAUN ANDREW
ROBINSON FOR ACHIEVING THE
RANK OF EAGLE SCOUT

HON. SAM GRAVES

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, February 27, 2007

Mr. GRAVES. Madam Speaker, I proudly pause to recognize Shaun Andrew Robinson, a very special young man who has exemplified the finest qualities of citizenship and leadership by taking an active part in the Boy Scouts of America, Troop 374, and in earning the most prestigious award of Eagle Scout.

Shaun has been very active with his troop, participating in many Scout activities. Over the years Shaun has been involved with Scouting, he has earned 30 merit badges and held numerous leadership positions, serving as patrol leader, assistant patrol leader, chaplain's aid, and den chief. He is a member of the Tribe of Mic-O-Say.

Shaun's dedication to his school work and church are outstanding. Shaun works hard in school, while being an active member of the Liberty United Methodist Church. He has also contributed significantly to the community by using his leadership skills to lead a group of boys and adults in completing a landscaping project at the Liberty United Methodist Church.

Madam Speaker, I proudly ask you to join me in commending Shaun Andrew Robinson for his accomplishments with the Boy Scouts of America and for his efforts put forth in achieving the highest distinction of Eagle Scout.

IN REMEMBRANCE OF TOM
MOONEY

HON. DENNIS J. KUCINICH

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, February 27, 2007

Mr. KUCINICH. Madam Speaker, I rise today in recognition of Tom Mooney and his accomplishments as a champion of public education, the labor movement and social justice. A sudden and tragic loss for education advocates, Tom's December 9, 2006 passing also marks a sad day for the State of Ohio.

Tom began his career as a teacher in 1972 in Cincinnati. Quickly, though, his natural leadership brought him to represent his fellow educators as the president of the Local 1520 of the American Federation of Teachers between 1979 and 2000. During that time, he forged a reputation as a tireless and outspoken proponent of ensuring funding for public schools. Through his work with the Federation, he eventually rose to become the vice president of the national organization and served on its executive board.

A man of candor and American moxie, Tom's aggressive and enthusiastic public defense of teachers was an ongoing testament to his dedication to the idea that education is a fundamental and essential human right. Tom firmly believed that the success of the public education system rests on the will of the people to uphold its standards. Often, this meant challenging the status quo. Tom was not afraid to push forward and vehemently fight for higher standards and a higher quality of education. His strength, conviction, and outright courage to stand up steadfastly for the rights of educators have led to vast improvements in the field of education for the State of Ohio and the country.

Madam Speaker and colleagues, please join me in recognizing the life of Tom Mooney for his exemplary dedication to public education and the labor movement. Tom will be missed.

TRIBUTE TO CLARENCE SEEVERS

HON. MARCY KAPTUR

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, February 27, 2007

Ms. KAPTUR. Madam Speaker, I am pleased to recognize a gentleman in our district, Mr. Clarence Seavers of Sandusky, OH, who will be presented with the Lifetime Achievement Award by the Erie County Democratic Party on February 23, 2007. Our former

colleague and Ohio Governor Ted Strickland will present Clarence with the inaugural award. I know of no finer person to receive this distinguished recognition in its first year than my friend, Clarence Seavers.

Wherever one goes in Erie County OH, there will be Clarence Seavers. Well into his eighth decade of life, Mr. Seavers remains an active community participant. Not one to seek the glory of leadership, he is nonetheless a community leader in the truest sense, leading us by example to be good citizens.

A lifelong resident of Sandusky, Mr. Seavers is a World War II veteran, and was inducted into the Ohio Veterans Hall of Fame for his service with the 811th Aviation Engineering Battalion. He served the whole of U.S. involvement, 1941–1945, building airfields in the Pacific Theatre. Following military service, Mr. Seavers joined the ranks of the civil service, working as a clerk for the U.S. Postal Service for 30 years until his 1978 retirement.

In addition to his presence at many community events, Mr. Seavers has also formally given of his time in numerous ways. He has served on the boards of the YMCA, Goodwill Industries, Providence Hospital, Firelands Regional Medical Center, Erie County Board of Elections, Erie County Health Department, Chamber of Commerce, Boy Scouts and Erie Huron Community Action Commission. He is a lifetime member of the NAACP and a member of St. Stephen's AME Church. He volunteers as a baseball umpire and at the Ohio Veterans Home. His community calls him "one of Erie County's heroes and treasures," a sentiment I echo. Yet, true to the man, Clarence Seavers says of his involvement, "I just tried to give something back. As long as you're able, you can never give back too much."

Clarence Seavers has never been one to hide his light beneath a bushel. Instead, he has let his light shine forth in guidance. Quiet, humble, with graceful dignity, he is a fine example of the best that is in us. He has been a wise counsel to me, and countless others, and we dearly value his friendship. Clarence Seavers has spent his lifetime in achievement, and I am so honored to share with my colleagues a glimpse at the embodiment of a true American patriot as I congratulate Clarence Seavers on his receipt of this distinguished recognition.

RECOGNIZING SPECIAL AGENT
JAMES G. MACFARLANE

HON. JOHN P. MURTHA

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, February 27, 2007

Mr. MURTHA. Madam Speaker, I rise to recognize the accomplishments of Special Agent James G. Macfarlane, currently the Deputy Inspector General and Deputy Assistant Director for the Office of Inspections of the Naval Criminal Investigative Service, NCIS. He will retire on March 1, 2007, after more than 23 years of service to our great Nation.

Jim began his career as a special agent with the then Naval Investigative Service in 1983 as a general crimes investigator at Portsmouth, VA. Special Agent Macfarlane was then selected as the Special Agent Afloat aboard the USS *John F. Kennedy* (CV-67) in June 1985. While serving aboard the *JFK*, Jim

helped arrange law enforcement and force protection support required as the *JFK* was selected to participate in the rededication of the Statue of Liberty and the first naval "OPSAIL" celebration in New York City.

In 1986, Jim was selected as the Representative Resident Agent (RRA) at the Naval Investigative Service resident Unit in Misawa, Japan. In 1989, Jim was reassigned to NCIS Headquarters and worked in the Offensive Counterintelligence Operations Division, where he served with distinction for 5 years. During this time, SA Macfarlane was selected to attend Strategic Arms Reduction Training and deployed to Votkinsk, Russia, for 3 weeks in 1992 as the inspection team's CI specialist. In January 1994, Jim was selected to attend the Military Operations Training Course. In May 1994, he was reassigned as senior special agent working counterintelligence cases in Okinawa, Japan.

In 1996, Jim was selected as a Supervisory Special Agent (SSA) and began his first supervisory assignment at the NCIS Washington DC Field office where he provided Counterintelligence support to Navy special access programs. In 1997, Jim established the NCIS office at the Naval Surface Warfare Center, Dahlgren, VA, where he was cited by DoD for setting the standard in providing Counterintelligence support to Navy Research, Development, Test, and Evaluation (RTD&E) programs. In 1999, Jim returned to the Washington DC field office, where he became the SSA for all offensive CI activities. In 2000, he was selected as the SSA for the Office of Special Projects and in August 2001, Jim was promoted to GS-14 and selected as the Assistant Special Agent-in-Charge (ASAC), NCIS Middle East Field Office, in Manama Bahrain.

Jim served as the sole ASAC during a period of great national interest and military activity, supporting both OPERATIONS ENDURING FREEDOM and IRAQI FREEDOM. Jim brought great credit upon himself and the NCIS during his tenure in the Middle East and was awarded the Superior Civilian Service Award.

In July 2003, Jim was promoted to GS-15 and assigned as the Senior NCIS Representative to Headquarters Marine Corps (HQMC). For his significant efforts at HQMC, he was awarded the Marine Corps' Meritorious Civilian Service Award. In 2005, Jim was selected for his current position as the Deputy Inspector General.

I wish to express my gratitude to Special Agent MacFarlane for his many years of distinguished service to this country.

IN MEMORY OF MR. ROBERT
GUSTAFSON

HON. JOE KNOLLENBERG

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, February 27, 2007

Mr. KNOLLENBERG. Madam Speaker, I want to recognize the life and achievements of a great business leader, teacher, and Michigander, Mr. Robert Gustafson, who passed away on February 20, 2007.

While Mr. Gustafson's career rose to great heights as CEO and Chairman of Hubert Distributors, Inc. in Pontiac, Michigan, his humble beginnings give insight into his future achieve-

ments. After graduating from Western Michigan University in Kalamazoo, Mr. Gustafson became a teacher at Wayland High School in Wayland, Michigan. An avid music fan, his leadership of the school's band program saw a threefold increase in student participation during his tenure.

After teaching, Mr. Gustafson went on to pursue his interest in aviation. He founded Michigan Air Activities, where he taught hundreds of students under the Federal G.I. flight program, as well as sold and repaired aircraft. In addition, Michigan Air Activities had a fleet of aircraft that serviced well known customers such as General Motors, Ford, and Chrysler. Mr. Gustafson would later establish Kalamazoo Aviation and serve as President of the Airport Advisory Group.

Mr. Gustafson then joined Hubert Distributors where he oversaw the construction of one of their warehouses. From there he rose up the ranks from a sales manager to the CEO and Chairman. Utilizing his teaching experience, Mr. Gustafson overhauled the employee training program at Hubert by writing, producing, and directing the training videos that are required for all new hires.

Yet Mr. Gustafson's works reach beyond the realm of business as he was actively involved in philanthropy and charitable work. The Robert Gustafson Wing of St. Joseph Mercy Oakland Hospital bears witness to his commitment to give back to the community.

Today, I remember Mr. Robert Gustafson for his lifetime of service and dedication to our community. My sincerest thoughts and prayers go out to his family and loved ones.

REMEMBERING STATE SENATOR
ADELARD L. "ABE" BRAULT

HON. FRANK R. WOLF

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, February 27, 2007

Mr. WOLF. Madam Speaker, I rise today to bring the attention of the House to the passing of Virginia State Senator Abe Brault on February 13, 2007. Senator Brault served in the Virginia General Assembly for 18 years, including a term as majority leader from 1976 to 1980.

A Navy veteran who served during WWII, Abe opened a law practice in Fairfax County during the 1950s and dedicated his life to serving those in Fairfax and the surrounding area. He was a good man who served Virginia well and I was honored to know him. A family man and true Virginia gentleman, Abe died at the age of 97 and is survived by his wife, three children, and nine grandchildren, and 14 great-grandchildren.

Madam Speaker, I insert for the RECORD an obituary published in The Washington Post which details the many accomplishments of Senator Brault.

[From Washingtonpost.com, Feb. 14, 2007]

ADELARD L. "ABE" BRAULT, 97; INFLUENTIAL
N. VA. SENATOR

(By Adam Bernstein)

Adelard L. "Abe" Brault, 97, a feisty Fairfax County Democrat who retired in 1983 after 18 years in the Virginia Senate, including a term as majority leader, died Feb. 13 at his home in Front Royal, Va. He had pneumonia.

For years, Mr. Brault was considered dean of the Northern Virginia delegation, and he used his authority to push through funding for the Metro system, George Mason University and Northern Virginia Community College.

He and Sen. Omer L. Hirst (D-Fairfax-Falls Church) helped shape legislation and financing for the 13-mile Dulles Toll Road, built in 1984 to link Interstate 66 and the Capital Beltway with Dulles International Airport.

Mr. Brault was the majority leader from 1976 to 1980, largely because of a moderate-liberal coalition that successfully challenged the more conservative elements of the Senate. A conservative faction led by Hunter B. Andrews (D-Hampton) eventually removed Mr. Brault from the leadership. He described his loss as a "power play" meant to weaken Northern Virginia's influence.

Mr. Brault was known for blunt and critical commentary that he regarded as honesty and others sometimes found uncollegial. As a result, then-Gov. Charles S. Robb (D) appointed Mr. Brault to the State Board of Education in 1985, a year later than expected. The delay was attributed to Mr. Brault's criticism of the leadership ability of Sen. Clive L. DuVal II (D-Fairfax).

Adelard Lionel Brault was born in Winsted, Conn., on April 6, 1909. He grew up in Washington, where he was a 1927 graduate of Gonzaga College High School and a 1933 graduate of Columbus Law School, now part of Catholic University. He served in the Navy in the North Atlantic during World War II.

He had a private law practice in Washington before the war and opened a practice in Fairfax County in the early 1950s, where he specialized in representing insurance companies. He was president of the Fairfax County Bar Association when he was appointed to the county Board of Supervisors in 1962 to fill the unexpired term of James Keith, who years later became a Virginia Circuit Court judge.

Mr. Brault did not seek reelection to the Senate in 1983, saying at the time, "Y'all can do what you want to next year. I'll be in Florida."

In 1991, state legislators renamed the Dulles Toll Road the Omer L. Hirst-Adelard L. Brault Expressway, which, having met the fate of many other such renamings of roads, bridges and buildings, has not readily been adopted by commuters.

Survivors include his wife, Clarice Covington "Percy" Brault of Front Royal; 3 children, Adelard L. Brault, Jr., of Fairfax County, Nancy Supples of Front Royal and Mary Lynn Coleman of Moscow; 9 grandchildren; and 14 great-grandchildren.

TRIBUTE TO THE REVEREND DR. PAUL M. MARTIN

HON. DIANA DeGETTE

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, February 27, 2007

Ms. DeGETTE. Madam Speaker, I rise to honor the exceptional accomplishments and extraordinary life of the Reverend Paul Martin, Senior Pastor of the Macedonia Baptist Church in Denver, Colorado. This remarkable gentleman merits our recognition and admiration as his impressive record of spiritual leadership and invaluable service has done much to improve the lives of our people.

Reverend Martin's standing within our community is rivaled by few others. He has been on the front line of progress for decades and has used his skills and talents to advance the

public good and care for the spiritual well-being of many of our citizens. As a dynamic pastor, educator, scholar and radio commentator, Paul Martin's leadership and service has made us stronger, more caring and more resilient.

Reverend Martin began his life in South Central Los Angeles where he completed his secondary education in the public schools. He graduated with honors from Pepperdine University with a bachelor's degree in Religion, Psychology and Greek. He attained his Master of Divinity from the Samuel DeWitt Proctor School of Theology at Virginia Union University and went on to earn his Doctor of Philosophy at the California Graduate School of Theology. Reverend Martin also received an Honorary Doctor of Humane Letters from the Denver Seminary and has done additional study at Fuller Seminary, the Claremont School of Theology, and the Union Theological Seminary. Dr. Martin's many educational and scholarly accomplishments prepared him for a life of spiritual leadership that has left an indelible imprint on all of us.

Under Reverend Martin's leadership, Macedonia Baptist Church has become a beacon of hope and remains a positive force in the spiritual and civic life of our community. Not only has Reverend Martin moved us from the pulpit, he has also edified us through his numerous radio ministries. While in Los Angeles, he had four radio ministries and in Denver, he created and hosted Religion in Focus on KNUS Radio and cohosted Community Focus on KRKS Radio with his wife, Dr. Agnes Martin. He is the host of two weekly radio ministries on KLDC in Denver—Focus on Live and Charisma—and is cohost of the Agnes Martin Show on Channel 58, DCTV.

Those who know Reverend Martin know it is difficult to ignore his moving and resonant voice. His words give meaning and poignancy to the spiritual aspirations we all share. Over the years, I have had the privilege of working closely with Macedonia Baptist Church as part of a church exchange with my congregation, Montview Presbyterian. As a member of Montview's choir, I have had the opportunity to lift my voice with the remarkable choir at Macedonia. I have also had the opportunity to reflect with Reverend Martin on matters of social concern and I will never forget a discussion we had concerning the War on Poverty.

He reflected on how making poverty a national priority set in motion new laws and created programs such as Head Start, work study, Medicare and Medicaid. He noted how these programs brought about real results, reduced rates of poverty and improved living standards for America's poor. But what struck me was his conclusion—that this endeavor was great because it gave Americans the opportunity to care for and serve one another and that this kind of social stewardship changed our country for the better.

Clearly, community service matters. But for Reverend Martin, community service is not just an empty catchphrase. It is personal commitment and active engagement in outcomes—it is stewardship at its finest. Under the leadership of Paul Martin, Macedonia Baptist Church has touched the community through a host of specialized programs and outreach ministries designed to enhance the spiritual and educational growth of our youth. His service to our community is extensive and includes being past president of the Urban

League of Metro Denver; special advisor to former Mayor Wellington Webb and Mayor John Hickenlooper; member of the Denver Police Task Force; and Board Chair of the Stapleton Development Corporation. He is the first African American minister to serve as President of the American Baptist Region of the Rocky Mountains. He is an adjunct professor at the Denver Seminary and the Iliff School of Theology and an instructor with the Congress of Christian Education of National Baptist Convention. He has been a past trustee of the University of Sioux Falls, a member of the Committee on Ministry for the Presbytery of Denver, Vice President for Membership for the East Denver Ministerial Alliance and a lifetime member of the N.A.A.C.P. and the Southern Christian Leadership Conference.

Martin Luther King, Jr., once noted that everybody could be great because everybody can serve. Reverend Martin has burnished a reputation of spiritual leadership that I think is the opposite of what most people think. His leadership is not only guidance, it is service. It is caring for one another. It is serving along side those whom you lead. It is service which is ordinary and yet extraordinary.

Reverend Martin's tenure as Senior Pastor of Macedonia Baptist Church is quickly drawing to a close. His leadership has been exemplary and his contributions are rich in consequence. On behalf of the citizens of the 1st Congressional District, I wish to express our gratitude and extend our best wishes to Pastor Martin, Agnes Martin and their family.

Please join me in paying tribute to the Reverend Dr. Paul M. Martin, a distinguished spiritual and civic leader. His stewardship and service command our respect and they speak to the spirit of our founders and future of our country.

IN RECOGNITION OF MARGE SWEENEY

HON. DENNIS J. KUCINICH

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, February 27, 2007

Mr. KUCINICH. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the life and accomplishments of Marge Sweeney, whose I tremendous dedication to her family, friends and community serves as a shining example for all who have been blessed by her presence and care.

Back in the mid-sixties, Marge started her career as a bookkeeper, but by the mid-seventies she had already worked her way up to the position of Principal's Secretary at St. Stephen's Elementary and Junior High School. In 1982 she was appointed Recreation Instructor, and since has progressively earned promotions, until she became Manager of Halloran Rink—a position she held for over twenty-five years.

Throughout her career, Marge had an enormous impact on local programs and organizations in the community, including: Cuyahoga Counties' Juvenile Court Victim-Aid Restitution Program; the Westtown Community Development Corporations' Night Out Against Crime; the Metro Parks Youth Programs; and many more. She has also been honored by the Mayor's Office on Volunteerism, City of Cleveland; the First District Police Community Relations

Program; and the National Park and Recreation Association, with a 'Commemorative Citation' in recognition of outstanding leadership and volunteerism to the parks and recreation movement and to advancing the quality of life in her community.

Furthermore, Marge has been a key figure in the formation of the Halloran Advisory Board—a board that contains both community and civic minded individuals, who share the interest of the positive delivery of services to the community of Halloran Skating Rink.

Along with this tremendous work, and being a wife to the late Dennis Sweeney, Marge has taken great pride in raising her eight lovely children; Dennis, Patty, Brian, Jimmy, Kevin, Shawn, Kelly, and Annie.

Madam Speaker and colleagues, please join me in honoring Marge Sweeney for her thirty years of public service to the residents of Cleveland, and for her kindness and generosity that have and will continue to inspire all who cross paths with her.

IN HONOR OF VACLAV HAVEL AND
THE 30TH ANNIVERSARY OF
CHARTER 77

HON. STENY H. HOYER

OF MARYLAND

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, February 27, 2007

Mr. HOYER. Madam Speaker, this year marks the thirtieth anniversary of the Charter 77 movement. Along with other colleagues from the Helsinki Commission, which I had the privilege of Chairing and Co-Chairing from 1985 to 1994, I rise today to commemorate Charter 77's extraordinary accomplishments, and to praise Vaclav Havel, a founding member of the Charter 77 movement and Czechoslovakia's first President after the fall of communism.

Twenty years ago this month, I led a Congressional delegation to Czechoslovakia—my first trip to that country. At that time, I was assured by Czechoslovak Government officials that Charter 77 was only a small group, and there was no need to have a dialogue with its members. In an apparent effort to underscore their point, the regime detained several Chartists to keep them from meeting with our delegation: Vaclav Havel, Petr Uhl and Jiri Dienstbier were all arrested in Prague; Miklos Duray was prevented from traveling to Prague from Slovakia; and although Petr Puspoki-Nagy made it to Prague, he was also immediately detained on his arrival.

Although I was deprived of the chance to meet these individuals in person, I was already well aware of their work. In fact, the Helsinki Commission's second hearing, held in February 1977, published the full text of the Charter 77 manifesto at the request of one of our witnesses, Mrs. Anna Faltus. We owe a special debt of gratitude to the late Mrs. Faltus, who worked tirelessly for decades as an advocate for a free Czechoslovakia. To this end, she made sure that the documents of Charter 77 and the Committee for the Defense of the Unjustly Persecuted were quickly translated and widely disseminated to policy makers and human rights advocates. Her effort made it possible for the Helsinki Commission to publish (in 1982 and in 1987) selected and representative texts of the Charter 77 movement.

Looking back, the breadth of those documents is truly remarkably, touching on everything from the legacy of World War II to the country's economic situation; from contemporary music to nuclear energy. But the common thread that bound these diverse statements together was a commitment to promote and protect "the right of the individual to know and act upon his rights." This right was freely adopted by the Czechoslovak Socialist Republic when Gustav Husak fixed his signature to the Helsinki Final Act in 1975.

It was, of course, with great interest that I discussed Charter 77, first with Czechoslovak officials during my February 1987 trip to Prague, then with Czechoslovak parliamentarians visiting Washington in June 1988 (a delegation which included Prague Communist Party boss Miroslav Stepan), and then with the Czechoslovak delegation to the 1989 Paris Meeting of the Conference on the Human Dimension. In these meetings, as well as in correspondence with the Czechoslovak Ambassador to the United, I was told that Charter 77 didn't represent public opinion. I was warned that siding with Charter 77 would not help bilateral relations, and I was assured that democracy was coming soon to Czechoslovakia—"socialist democracy."

Needless to say, I was not convinced by my interlocutors: I was not convinced that Augustin Navratil was actually being treated for a mental health condition, rather than being persecuted for his religious activism. I was frankly disgusted when the Czechoslovak delegation to the Paris meeting baldly lied about Jiri Wolf, telling us he had been released early from his prison sentence as a "humanitarian" gesture, and then shrugging with indifference when they were caught in their lie. Most of all, I did not believe that Vaclav Havel was a criminal and Charter 77 merely an "insignificant" group.

In fact, in 1989 Senator Dennis DeConcini and I nominated Vaclav Havel for the Nobel Peace Prize. As Senator DeConcini said, "[i]n spite of relentless harassment by the authorities, including imprisonment, repeated detentions, house searches, and confiscation of property, Havel has remained active in the struggle for human rights. . . Havel is now in prison, but he is not alone in his cause. In a dramatic move. . . over 700 of his colleagues—playwrights, producers, artists, and actors—signed a petition calling for his release and the release of others [similarly imprisoned]. For these people, like many others in his country, Vaclav Havel has become a symbol of an enduring and selfless commitment to human rights."

Madam Speaker, on this 30th anniversary of the founding of the Charter 77 movement, I rise to commend and remember the courageous men and women, signatories and supporters, who paved the way for the peaceful transition from communism in Czechoslovakia and restoration of Europe, whole and free. On this anniversary, I give special tribute to Vaclav Havel, playwright and president, and his singular role in leading his country to freedom.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. LUIS V. GUTIERREZ

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, February 27, 2007

Mr. GUTIERREZ. Madam Speaker, I was unavoidably absent from this chamber today. I would like the RECORD to show that, had I been present, I would have voted "yea" on rollcall votes 100, 101 and 102.

INTRODUCTION OF THE FAIR USE
ACT OF 2007

HON. RICK BOUCHER

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, February 27, 2007

Mr. BOUCHER. Madam Speaker, I am pleased to be introducing the Freedom And Innovation Revitalizing U.S. Entrepreneurship Act of 2007. Like other bills I have introduced in earlier years, the FAIR USE Act of 2007 is intended to promote innovation, encourage the introduction of new technology, enhance library preservation efforts and protect the fair use rights of consumers.

As more fully described in the attached section-by-section analysis, this bill differs fundamentally from H.R. 107 and H.R. 1201, as proposed in the 108th and 109th Congresses, respectively. For example, the revised bill does not contain the provision which would have established a fair use defense to the act of circumvention. I continue to believe that there should be such an exemption in the law, but content owners have expressed concern that enactment of such a provision could lead to widespread redistribution of audiovisual and other works.

In an effort to address their concerns, I have instead crafted specific exemptions to section 1201 of the Digital Millennium Copyright Act which do not pose a comparable potential threat to their business models. For example, the proposed legislation would codify the decision by the Register of Copyrights, as affirmed in a determination made by the Librarian of Congress under section 1201(a)(1) of the DMCA, to allow consumers to "circumvent" digital locks in six discrete areas. The bill also contains six narrowly crafted additional exemptions that are a natural extension of these exemptions. For example, given the central role that libraries and archives play in our society in ensuring free speech and continuing access to creative works, the bill includes a provision to ensure that they can circumvent a digital lock to preserve or secure a copy of a work or replace a copy that is damaged, deteriorating, lost, or stolen.

The bill contains other new elements. For example, it would limit the availability of statutory damages against individuals and firms who may be found to have engaged in contributory infringement, inducement of infringement, vicarious liability or other indirect infringement. Given the increasing extent to which content companies are on the receiving end of lawsuits, I would hope they would see the value of this element of the bill.

I have more narrowly crafted the provision codifying the Supreme Court's Betamax decision to eliminate any uncertainty about a potential negative impact on the Supreme Court's holding in the Grokster case.

I look forward to working with my colleagues and all interested parties in an effort to properly balance the rights of content owners, consumers and other constructive users of content.

I will welcome their suggestions about how the measure might be further improved as it moves forward in the legislative process.

FAIR USE ACT OF 2007

Section 1 sets forth the title of the bill, the "Freedom And Innovation Revitalizing U.S. Entrepreneurship Act of 2007."

Section 2 would make two amendments to the Copyright Act.

Subsection (2)(a) would limit the availability of statutory damages against individuals and firms who may be found to have engaged in contributory infringement, inducement of infringement, vicarious liability, or other indirect infringement. Congress developed the statutory damages award process in a world of physical works, principally paper and vinyl. Today, in a world in which silicon is the principal medium of storage, statutory damages can be so large and disproportionate that entrepreneurs and consumer electronics and information technology companies are declining to bring new technology to market out of fear that they could be bankrupted by an adverse finding of secondary liability—even in cases in which they believed on the advice of counsel that their new innovative hardware or software products would be found legal if they survived costly litigation with its highly intrusive discovery. Under the bill, statutory damages would remain available for conduct that no reasonable person could have believed to be lawful. With this condition in the law, entrepreneurs, venture capitalists, and consumer electronics and information technology companies would feel more confident in going to court, if necessary, for a fair hearing on the merits, and aggrieved parties could get relief from scofflaws. Moreover, actual damages would continue to remain available to a person harmed by secondary infringement.

Subsection (2)(b) would effectively codify the Supreme Court's holding in the *Betamax* decision with respect to hardware devices. In *Sony Corp. v. Universal City Studios, Inc.*, 464 U.S. 417 (1984), the Court held that because the *Betamax* videocassette recorder was capable of substantial, commercially significant non-infringing uses, two studios—which were concerned about consumers making in-home off-air tapes of television broadcasts—could not hold Sony contributorily liable for copyright infringement based on other possible or even predominate infringing uses. To provide greater legal certainty to legitimate CE companies bringing new products to market in the wake of the uncertainty created by the Supreme Court's decision in *Metro-Goldwyn-Mayer Studios v. Grokster, Ltd.*, 545 U.S. 913 (2005), subsection (b) would immunize these and other hardware companies, as well as entrepreneurs, from copyright infringement liability based on the design, manufacture or distribution of hardware devices (or components of those devices) that are capable of a substantial, commercially significant non-infringing use. The enactment of this clarifying provision, for avoidance of doubt with respect to hardware devices, is not intended to have any negative effect on the continued availability and application of the *Betamax* standard with respect to services and software products or to non-commercial activities.

Section 3 would amend the Digital Millennium Copyright Act.

Subsection (3)(a) would codify the decision by the Register of Copyrights, as affirmed in a determination made by the Librarian of Congress under section 1201(a)(1) of the

DMCA, to allow consumers to "circumvent" digital locks in six discrete areas. The determination was made after a thorough rule making process, in which the Register took extensive testimony from rights holders, consumers, and other interested parties. By codifying the Librarian's determination, Congress would ensure that these practices may continue, without the need for extensive review by the Register and the Librarian under section 1201(a)(1) three years from now. The importance of these exemptions was demonstrated by the Register's extensive supporting analysis. Making them permanent would create greater certainty among various user communities. The need to codify the exemptions is all the more compelling now that TracFone has challenged the entire DMCA rulemaking process as an unlawful delegation of legislative authority.

As determined by the Librarian in the Final Rule published in the Federal Register on November 27, 2006, persons making non-infringing uses of the following six classes of works will not be subject to the prohibition against circumventing access controls of the DMCA:

1. Audiovisual works included in the educational library of a college or university's film or media studies department, when circumvention is accomplished for the purpose of making compilations of portions of those works for educational use in the classroom by media studies or film professors.

2. Computer programs and video games distributed in formats that have become obsolete and that require the original media or hardware as a condition of access.

3. Computer programs protected by dongles that prevent access due to malfunction or damage and which are obsolete.

4. Literary works distributed in ebook format when all existing ebook editions of the work contain access controls that prevent the enabling either of the book's read-aloud function or of screen readers that render the text into a specialized format.

5. Computer programs in the form of firmware that enable wireless telephone handsets to connect to a wireless telephone communication network, when circumvention is accomplished for the sole purpose of lawfully connecting to a wireless telephone communication network.

6. Sound recordings distributed in compact disc format and protected by technological protection measures that control access to lawfully purchased works and create or exploit security flaws or vulnerabilities that compromise the security of personal computers when circumvention is accomplished solely for the purpose of good faith testing, investigating, or correcting such security flaws or vulnerabilities.

As an extension of the Librarian of Congress's determination, subsection (3)(b) of the FAIR USE Act would enable individuals in six narrowly defined circumstances to circumvent technological protection measures:

Paragraph (i) would extend the Librarian's determination with respect to excerpts of audiovisual works for use in all classrooms (instead of just in college media studies classrooms). Under the provision, an instructor could circumvent a digital lock on audiovisual works included in the collection of a library or an archives in order to make compilations of portions of those works for educational use in a classroom at all grade levels.

Paragraph (ii) would authorize consumers to circumvent a lock on a DVD or other audiovisual work in order to skip past commercials at the beginning of it or to bypass personally objectionable content (such as pornographic scenes) contained in the work.

The provision does not authorize consumers to make back up DVDs for archival or any other purpose.

Paragraph (iii) would authorize consumers to transmit a work over a home or personal network but not to circumvent for purposes of uploading that work to the Internet.

This provision would ensure that consumers can make fair use of content they have lawfully acquired, as long as they do not engage in the mass, indiscriminate redistribution of that content over the Internet.

Paragraph (iv) would allow individuals to access public domain works that are in a collection of works made up primarily of public domain works. It thus would preclude content owners from denying the public access to public domain works simply by repackaging them with one or more copyrighted works and then applying a digital lock to restrict or deny access to all of the works.

Paragraph (v) would advance long-established First Amendment rights by authorizing reporters, teachers, and others to circumvent digital locks blocking access to works of substantial public interest, when circumvention is accomplished solely for purposes of criticism, comment, news reporting, scholarship, or research.

Paragraph (vi) would authorize circumvention of technological measures that effectively control access to copyrighted works for the purpose of enabling a library or an archive to preserve or secure a copy of a work or to replace a copy that is damaged, deteriorating, lost, or stolen. This would ensure that libraries and archives can continue to engage in activities specifically authorized by section 108 of the Copyright Act.

The exceptions to the DMCA set forth in subsections (3)(a) and (b) are based on extensive comments and testimony received by the Copyright Office and the Congress. Their enactment is not intended and should not be construed as in any way limiting other rights or interpretations of either the Copyright Act or the DMCA as to which consumers and other users have had their rights vindicated in the courts or those which have not been addressed by the courts.

TRIBUTE TO MS. PHYLLIS C. CAMPBELL, SENIOR EXECUTIVE SERVICE

HON. TODD RUSSELL PLATTS

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, February 27, 2007

Mr. PLATTS. Madam Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to Ms. Phyllis C. Campbell, who will retire from the Defense Logistics Agency's, DLA, Defense Distribution Center, DDC, New Cumberland, Pennsylvania, on March 3, 2007. Ms. Campbell's distinguished government career spans 40 years, and her record of achievement during this period reflects greatly upon herself and upon the organizations with which she has served. Her contributions to the national defense will be missed as she moves on to new and exciting opportunities.

Ms. Campbell was appointed to the Senior Executive Service position of deputy commander, DDC in July 1998. The DDC is DLA's Lead Center for distribution and has management responsibility for 26 military distribution centers around the world.

Ms. Campbell hails from Steelton, Pennsylvania and has followed a varied career of increasing responsibility culminating in her appointment as deputy commander. In 1966, she entered the Federal service in the Transportation Division at Defense Distribution Depot

Ogden, Utah, and in 1973, was selected into the Depot's Management Intern Program. In 1979, Ms. Campbell became a supply systems analyst in the newly formed Defense System Automation Center, DSAC, which later became the DLA System Design Center, DSDC. In 1982, she returned to the Ogden installation, becoming branch chief with responsibility for all operations and administrative systems and procedures. In 1985, Ms. Campbell was promoted to division chief, assuming additional responsibility for a \$30 million depot modernization program. In 1989, Ms. Campbell reached a career benchmark with her selection as deputy director, Office of Technology and Information Services.

In 1990, Ms. Campbell was selected by the Office of Secretary of Defense, OSD, to be the deputy for the Corporate Information Management Distribution prototype group. This group was chartered to develop a standard distribution system for use throughout the Department of Defense. In 1991, Ms. Campbell was reassigned to DLA's Defense Distribution Systems Center as its business manager. Ms. Campbell was instrumental in selecting the migration system for deployment to the then 30 DLA distribution sites. In 1993, Ms. Campbell returned to the OSD Comptroller's Office of Financial Review and Analysis. From 1995 until her appointment to deputy commander, she served as director, Distribution Operations with the Defense Distribution Center.

Ms. Campbell attended Weber State University and is the recipient of numerous special achievement and performance awards including the 2005 Presidential Distinguished Executive Rank Award, the 2002 Presidential Meritorious Executive Rank Award, the Distinguished Order of Saint Martin, and the Military Ancient Order of Saint Christopher award in recognition of her contributions to transportation initiatives.

Madam Speaker, I am honored to ask my colleagues to join me in congratulating Ms. Phyllis C. Campbell on her retirement from Federal civil service. She epitomizes the dedication and professionalism that make our Federal government a model all over the world.

IN HONOR OF JACK BARLICH

HON. SAM FARR

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, February 27, 2007

Mr. FARR. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Mr. Jack Barlich, who passed away on January 16, 2007.

He was a firefighter for the City of Monterey for 29 years, and retired in 1992 as assistant fire chief. After his retirement he ran for mayor of Del Rey Oaks, defeating the incumbent who had served 30 years in city government. Jack was a knowledgeable firefighter and a hands-on kind of person who used those attributes to be an effective administrator.

He served on several county boards including the Waste Management Task Force and the Transportation Agency of Monterey County. He chaired the Fort Ord Reuse Authority board and was vice-chairman of the Monterey Regional Water Pollution Control Agency. As the mayor of Del Rey Oaks, his proudest accomplishment was the annexation of 360 acres of land for his small city from the former Fort Ord Army Base.

Jack's health began to decline in 2003, and in the summer of 2004, he resigned during his seventh term. Jack was tough but fair, and worked hard in the service of his community. He will be greatly missed.

Madam Speaker, I rise to honor Jack Barlich, who courageously served his community during his lifetime.

IN REMEMBRANCE OF SERGEANT MAJOR JOSEPH J. ELLIS

HON. DENNIS J. KUCINICH

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, February 27, 2007

Mr. KUCINICH. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the extraordinary life and achievements of Sergeant Major Joseph J. Ellis, the true definition of an American hero. Throughout his life, Sergeant Major Ellis displayed the highest qualities of sacrifice, patriotism, and service.

Sgt. Maj. Ellis enlisted in the Marines in 1984 and moved up in rank, mostly in reconnaissance units, and trained as a radio operator. In 1985, he was elevated to the rank of corporal and, 2 years later, joined the 3rd Reconnaissance Battalion in Okinawa, Japan, where he served as team communicator and radio supervisor in the battalion communications platoon. Later Ellis was called to Camp Pendleton, California for duty with the School of Infantry, and served as radio supervisor in the communications platoon.

When his country needed his service, Ellis answered the call and was deployed to Saudi Arabia with the 1st Force Reconnaissance Company from Camp Pendleton in 1990 for Operation Desert Shield and Operation Desert Storm.

In late 2003, Ellis again answered the call of his country and was sent to Iraq as first sergeant for the Headquarters and Service Company. Ellis was promoted to sergeant major in 2004, making him the top enlisted man with a Camp Pendleton, California-based infantry battalion.

Adlai Stevenson once said, "Patriotism is not short, frenzied outbursts of emotion, but the tranquil and steady dedication of a lifetime." Sgt. Maj. Ellis' dedication to patriotism was a lifelong commitment, which he displayed by devoting over 20 years of service to the Marine Corps. Among his many honors and decorations, Ellis was awarded the Meritorious Service Ribbon, the Navy and Marine Corp Commendation Medal with one gold star, the Navy and Marine Corps Achievement Medal with one gold star, and the Combat Action Ribbon with one gold star. Sgt. Maj. Ellis' devotion to our country and the protection of our freedoms and values deserve our most sincere appreciation.

Madam Speaker and colleagues, please join me in honoring Sgt. Maj. Ellis, who gave the ultimate sacrifice for his country on February 7, 2007. May his actions and deeds never be forgotten.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. TOM UDALL

OF NEW MEXICO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, February 27, 2007

Mr. UDALL of New Mexico. Madam Speaker, on February 16th I missed rollcall vote No. 102, final passage of the Small Business Tax Relief Act. Had I voted, I would have voted "aye."

HONORING AND PRAISING THE NAACP ON THE OCCASION OF ITS 98TH ANNIVERSARY

SPEECH OF

HON. BARBARA LEE

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, February 12, 2007

Ms. LEE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in strong support of H. Con. Res. 44, legislation to honor the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP) on the occasion of its 98th anniversary. The NAACP is an established and proven civil rights organization and a leading voice for justice and human rights for all.

The NAACP has several national achievements but I'd like to highlight our local successes. In California's 9th Congressional District, I am honored to say the Oakland NAACP branch, established in 1913, was the first NAACP chapter in Northern California. It represented the cities of San Francisco, Oakland and Berkeley.

In fact, the Oakland NAACP branch played a pivotal role in the civil rights struggle in California. The branch participated in the organization's national campaign to eliminate Jim Crow laws and to support anti-lynching legislation.

In the late 1950's and 1960's, Bishop Nichols, then Pastor of Downs Memorial United Methodist Church in North Oakland, joined with national leaders to advocate for economic, social and educational justice in the Bay Area. He was chair of the Berkeley NAACP Education Committee and President of the Berkeley Board of Education (four years before the school district became the first to voluntarily integrate schools).

In addition, one of Oakland's own, Judge Cecile Poole served as director of the NAACP Defense and Legal Education Fund. Judge Poole became the first African-American United States Attorney, and the first black federal judge for the Northern District of California. And although he passed away ten years ago, his legacy and work with the NAACP to promote respect and basic civil rights for all disenfranchised people is still felt in the East Bay and throughout our Nation.

Mr. Speaker, with members, such as Bishop Nichols, Judge Cecile Poole, Thurgood Marshall, W.E.B. DuBois, Coretta Scott King, Fannie Lou Hamer, and Rosa Parks, there's no doubt that the NAACP served as the catalyst for the largest grassroots civil rights movement in U.S. history.

The NAACP remains a vehicle to push for legal action against injustice and an advocate for human and civil rights for all.

Their political accomplishments such as ending the separate but equal policy in

schools or ending the racist Jim Crow segregation of buses, restaurants and public facilities, and their lobbying efforts which ultimately led to the passage of the Civil Rights Acts of 1957, 1960, and 1964, the Voting Rights Act of 1965, and the reauthorization of the Fannie Lou Hamer, Rosa Parks, and Coretta Scott King Voting Rights Act of 2006, must be commended.

And Mr. Speaker, the NAACP took the helm to organize the national boycott against American companies doing business with the former apartheid regime in South Africa. The NAACP also protested, most recently in 2000, the flying of the confederate flag over state buildings in South Carolina, which to date was, the largest civil rights demonstration (50,000 people) ever held in the South. The importance of this organization whose impact has been demonstrated in almost every part of the country and in many parts of the world cannot be overstated.

But the critical work of the NAACP is needed now more than ever. The slow systematic dismantling of Affirmative Action; the declining homeownership rates of African American families; the growing poverty rate of African American families and the growing achievement gap between white and black children; the disproportionate incarceration rates of black male youth, and the growing illiteracy rate of black children are all important causes for the NAACP.

Add to that fact that the NAACP was a leading champion of the Hurricanes' Katrina and Rita survivors. They are still pushing for justice for all in the Gulf Coast region and you can see why the NAACP is still so necessary today.

We must continue to beat the drum and join the NAACP in their efforts to bring their mission for economic and social justice for all to reality.

Mr. Speaker, we have come a long way since the founding days of the NAACP, Brown vs. Board of Education, the Voting Rights Act. In the words of former NAACP president Bruce Gordon, "There is still a lot of civil rights work to be done. Many people believe the passing of Rosa Parks, Coretta Scott-King and other icons of the movement signals that the task is over." He added, "Nothing could be further from the truth."

ON THE INTRODUCTION OF H.R.
1194, THE TELEPHONE EXCISE
TAX REPEAL ACT OF 2007

HON. GARY G. MILLER

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, February 27, 2007

Mr. GARY G. MILLER of California. Madam Speaker, I rise today in strong support of the Telephone Excise Tax Repeal Act of 2007. As the sponsor of this legislation in previous sessions of Congress, I thank my colleagues in the majority and members of the Ways and Means Committee for recognizing the value of this important issue. Congress must continue to work together in a bipartisan fashion, building on momentum from last year's cosponsorship by 220 members, to abolish this tax. I am proud to join with my colleagues today to introduce the Telephone Excise Tax Repeal Act in the 110th Congress, which will eliminate the

three percent tax on all telecommunications services.

The federal excise tax on telecommunications services was used to pay for the Spanish-American War in 1898. This tax was intended to tap only the wealthiest 1,400 telephone owners. However, with more telephones than people in the United States today, this excise tax represents the polar opposite of a luxury tax, and merely serves to raise prices for consumers.

Telephone tax revenues once used to pay for the Spanish-American War are deposited in the General Fund. Unlike the gas tax, which directs revenues to the Highway Trust Fund, no specific account exists to redirect money collected from the telephone "luxury" tax. Other items subject to a "luxury" tax include airplane tickets, beer and liquor, firearms and cigarettes. Obviously, a telephone is a necessity, and thus does not fit with this list of "luxury" items.

Last year, the U.S. Treasury Department conceded the legal dispute over the federal excise tax on long-distance telephone service. After 11 consecutive courtroom losses by the Internal Revenue Service (IRS), Treasury Secretary John Snow announced that collection of the three percent excise tax on long-distance and bundled services would end on July 31, 2006. In fact, the IRS is issuing refunds of tax on long-distance service for the past 3 years. This year, taxpayers may apply for refunds on their 2006 tax forms. The Treasury's action is a step in the right direction, and it is finally time for Congress to put an end to this hidden tax on local telecommunication services.

The telephone tax burdens our communication abilities and is destructive to technological innovation. It must be repealed immediately. I urge my colleagues to build upon the successes we have had in the past and to help American taxpayers win the war on their wallets once and for all.

IN HONOR OF RICHARD DEL
BOCCIO

HON. ALBIO SIRE

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, February 27, 2007

Mr. SIRE. Madam Speaker, I rise here today to honor an outstanding resident of the City of Hoboken. Richard Del Boccio is retiring after 40 years of dedicated service as an educator and public official.

Mr. Del Boccio, who was born and raised in Hoboken, began his career in education in the early 1960s, and for 15 years made his mark in the lives of thousands of students as Principal of the Salvatore Calabro School. Later, as Interim Superintendent, Adjunct Professor at St. Peter's College and State Appointed Principal Mentor, he continued to mold and oversee the Hoboken School System, inspiring students and faculty alike, and setting and example for young minds to follow.

Richard Del Boccio's teaching and mentoring led him to fight for the improvement of his community as a public official. Elected Hoboken Councilman at Large, he became involved in the betterment of his native city and the lives of his constituents. Mr. Del Boccio became City Council President and retires as Councilman of the Second Ward of the City of Hoboken.

Mr. Del Boccio cemented his commitment to public service by being a member of various community organizations, including the Hoboken Memorial September 11th and Pier C Park Waterfront Steering Committees, and taking active rolls as Co-Chairman of the Youth Advisory Committee and Co-Founder of the Neighborhood Block Watch Committee. His dedication won him the Christopher Columbus Award for Community Service in 2005.

It is my privilege and honor to recognize Richard Del Boccio for his dedication to Hoboken and the people of New Jersey. I ask that my colleagues join me in wishing him, his wife, children, and grandchildren continued health and happiness in the future.

COMMEMORATING 60TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE "228 INCIDENT" IN
TAIWAN

HON. THOMAS G. TANCREDO

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, February 27, 2007

Mr. TANCREDO. Madam Speaker, I rise today to commemorate the 60th anniversary of the "228 Incident" in Taiwan.

On February 28, 1947, the arrest of a cigarette vendor in Taipei triggered large-scale protests there against military repression of Taiwan's residents.

Madam Speaker, while the protests the event sparked were quashed in the days and weeks following the initial incident, the event had far reaching implications.

Over the next half-century, the movement that grew out of the event helped to pave the way for Taiwan's momentous transformation from a dictatorship to thriving and pluralistic democracy.

In some ways, the 228 incident was Taiwan's "Boston Massacre."

Madam Speaker, I hope Members will join me in commemorating this important historical event, and I look forward to the day that we can welcome Taiwan's elected President to Washington, DC.

HONORING MR. LEVI LEE SMITH

HON. JAMES T. WALSH

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, February 27, 2007

Mr. WALSH of New York. Madam Speaker, I rise today in tribute to the late Mr. Levi "Lee" Smith who served his central New York community in a number of unique ways.

He founded the Onondaga Citizens League, OCL, which promotes civic education and involvement in public affairs. Organized in 1978, the OCL has offered the community studies on local government consolidation, voter participation, area health services, the quality of local arts, and community housing assessments among others.

Lee's Institute for Retired Professionals offers local retirees the opportunity to remain intellectually active in community affairs after retirement.

Perhaps most notable is Lee's work to found the Thursday Morning Roundtable,

TMR, 41 years ago. The organization is a public service speaker series that was created to provide an environment where people who were interested in political and civic issues could discuss their ideas and opinions. Lee's foresight in founding TMR as a forum for thoughtful study and exchange laid the groundwork for other civic involvement initiatives in our community, like FOCUS Greater Syracuse and Syracuse University's Tomorrow's Neighborhoods Today, TNT.

Mr. Lee Smith passed on February 6 of this year at the age of 88, and his life will be celebrated at a memorial service on February 18. Lee's commitment and dedication to serving the community and educating others has been, and will continue to be, an important asset to our community. I thank his wife Alice and the entire Smith family for sharing Lee with our community all these years.

**FREEDOM FOR RAMÓN
VELÁZQUEZ TORANZO**

HON. LINCOLN DIAZ-BALART

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, February 27, 2007

Mr. LINCOLN DIAZ-BALART of Florida. Madam Speaker, I rise today to speak about Ramón Velázquez Toranzo, a political prisoner in totalitarian Cuba.

Mr. Velázquez is a pro-democracy activist and independent journalist for Libertad, a small independent news agency founded by José Luis García Paneque, a political prisoner jailed during the condemnable March 2003 "Black Spring" crackdown. His peaceful activities and truthful articles have helped expose the nightmarish reality that is the Castro regime. Unfortunately, for this very reason he has been targeted by the tyrant's machinery of repression, as part of its effort to silence the brave men and women of Cuba's pro-democracy movement.

On December 10, 2006, International Human Rights Day, Mr. Velázquez Toranzo, began a march for Cuban Dignity in Eastern Cuba at the shrine of Our Lady of Charity, Cuba's patron saint, demanding freedom for all Cuban political prisoners, respect for human rights, and the cessation of repression against peaceful pro-democracy activists. Mr. Velázquez Toranzo, who was marching with his wife, Barbara González Cruz, and his daughter, Rufina Velázquez González, intended to travel 950 kilometers by foot in hope of ending their march for freedom in Havana.

On their journey, Mr. Velázquez Toranzo, his family and other marchers were detained twice in Ciego de Ávila and Camaguey, Cuba, for peacefully advocating for the most basic freedoms for the Cuban people. Despite being detained, nearly being run over twice by State Security Thugs, and knowing full well the brutal consequences that await those who speak the truth under the nightmare that is the Castro tyranny, they continued their peaceful march for human rights and dignity.

On January 23, 2007, 18 days after beginning his peaceful march for dignity, Mr. Velázquez Toranzo and his family were arrested for a third time in the city of Ciego de Ávila. His wife and daughter were released but Mr. Velázquez Toranzo was held at a police station and then transferred to the "El Típico"

provincial prison. And there, after months of harassment by State Security thugs, Mr. Velázquez Toranzo was "sentenced" to suffer 3 years of horror in the squalor of a subhuman gulag for his supposed crime, "anti-social conduct."

Madam Speaker, Mr. Velázquez Toranzo is languishing in an infernal gulag just 90 miles from our shores. It is as inconceivable as it is unacceptable that, while the world stands by in silence and acquiescence, independent journalists who write the truth about totalitarianism are jailed and tortured simply for exposing truth. We must demand immediate freedom for Ramón Velázquez Toranzo and all political prisoners in totalitarian Cuba.

**RECOGNIZING REV. RICHARD
DRANKWALTER ON THE OCCA-
SION OF HIS RETIREMENT**

HON. GINNY BROWN-WAITE

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, February 27, 2007

Ms. GINNY BROWN-WAITE of Florida. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the Rev. Richard Drankwalter, the outgoing Pastor of Christ Lutheran Church in Brooksville, Florida. For nearly 37 years, Pastor Drankwalter has served the Lutheran Church with honor and distinction, all in the name of Jesus Christ.

Born on July 4, 1944, in Queens, New York, Pastor Drankwalter has dedicated his life to serving the Church. Earning his Bachelor of Divinity and Master of Divinity from Concordia Theological Seminary in Springfield, Illinois in 1970, he spent an early part of his career as Pastor of the Peace Lutheran Church in Scranton, Pennsylvania. Pastor Drankwalter then moved on to serve the Church in Illinois and New York, eventually moving to Brooksville, Florida in 1986. Pastor Drankwalter has been a minister at Christ Lutheran in Brooksville for nearly 20 years.

Pastor Drankwalter joined Christ Lutheran following service as pastor of Trinity Lutheran Church in Silver Creek, New York. At the time of his appointment there were 168 members of Christ Lutheran; today there are over 600. A sure sign of his family's commitment to the area, both his wife Paula and his daughter Jennifer have served as teachers in Hernando County. The Pastor himself ran for Hernando County School Board and that is where I first met him.

In addition to this service, Pastor Drankwalter and his wife Paula have been very involved in local church and civic organizations, including the Brooksville Ministerial Association, the Hernando County Youth Association, the Brooksville Kiwanis Club, and served on the Board of Directors of the Committee Against Assaults on Law Enforcement Officers.

For nearly 37 years, Pastor Drankwalter has tended to the needs of his congregation. As a part of his ministry, he has gone above and beyond the call of duty to help families seeking guidance and support. On one occasion the Pastor dropped everything and drove to an area hospital to pray with a family following their father's stroke, even though they were not members of his congregation. His career has been built on working for Christ, not blindly following denominations and labels.

Madam Speaker, Pastor Drankwalter's dedication to the Lord and to the Lutheran Church has served as an inspiration to thousands throughout Hernando County. His ministry has touched the hearts of many, and the Church has continued to grow under his leadership. Pastor Drankwalter is to be commended for his years of service, his commitment to the Lord, and for serving the men and women who rely on his counsel and wisdom. Pastor Drankwalter is a shining example of the good that serving Jesus Christ can bring to our friends and families, and he will be sorely missed by the entire community.

**SUPPORTING THE GOALS AND
IDEALS OF WORLD WATER DAY**

HON. EARL BLUMENAUER

OF OREGON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, February 27, 2007

Mr. BLUMENAUER. Madam Speaker, today I am introducing a resolution supporting the goals and ideals of World Water Day, along with Congresswoman EDDIE BERNICE JOHNSON, the Chair of the Transportation & Infrastructure Subcommittee Water Resources and the Environment.

Every 15 seconds, a child dies from lack of access to safe drinking water and sanitation. This resolution is intended to help us raise awareness of this leading cause of preventable death.

For the last 15 years, March 22nd has been designated as World Water Day in order to draw attention to the global water crisis and inspire action to alleviate this unnecessary tragedy. While over the past 20 years, two billion people have gained access to safe drinking water, approximately one in six people in the world are still without this most basic building block of life.

Last Congress, the House and Senate both passed the "Senator Paul Simon Water for the Poor Act," which made safe drinking water and sanitation key priorities in U.S. foreign assistance. However, much more needs to be done both at home and abroad to ensure safe, affordable, and sustainable access to water for people everywhere.

I invite my colleagues to cosponsor this important resolution.

HONORING JOSÉ ARREDONDO

HON. BARBARA LEE

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, February 27, 2007

Ms. LEE. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the extraordinary career of José Arredondo. José has served as the Executive Director of the Spanish Speaking Citizen's Foundation (SSCF) in Oakland since 1986. Throughout his career, José has been known for his tireless work on behalf of the Latino community and the community at large. This year José celebrates his retirement after 20 years of unparalleled service to the SSCF, and many more to the entire Bay Area community.

José holds a B.A. in sociology and an M.S. in counseling from California State University,

East Bay. Over the years, José has served the residents of the 9th Congressional District in a number of different roles, and his professional expertise is supplemented by his deep commitment to building and maintaining the spirit of community.

José came to the Spanish Speaking Citizens' Foundation in 1985. Under his leadership, the SSCF evolved into an organization that facilitates inclusiveness by reducing barriers to economic opportunity, healthcare and education for Latinos in our community. José broadened the scope and vision of the SSCF to empower the individual and the community to improve the quality of life, while enriching the cultural heritage of Latinos. By working with other agencies, he has not only expanded the SSCF's network of contacts, but also worked to further the organization's services. José's leadership has been crucial here in Oakland, and has made education, social services and healthcare vastly more available and accessible to all members of our community.

In addition to his stellar work leading the SSCF, José has been and continues to be heavily involved in a number of other boards and organizations here in the Bay Area and elsewhere. He has served the community through his involvement with organizations such as the Oakland Community Organizations (OCO); Educational Coalition of Hispanic Organizations (ECHO); Latinos for Affirmative Action; and the Spanish Speaking Unity Council.

Furthermore, José has been recognized for his exceptional service with numerous awards, such as the Marcus Foster Alumni Award; a Personnel Administration Certificate from California State University, East Bay; and the Hispanic Chamber of Commerce Professional Community Service Award.

Today the friends, family and colleagues of José Arredondo have come together to celebrate not only his retirement, but also his legacy of service and his permanent and positive impact on our community. On this very special day, I join all of them in thanking and saluting José for his profound contributions to California's 9th Congressional District, our country and our world.

HONORING JEREMY RABINOVITZ

HON. LOIS CAPPS

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, February 27, 2007

Mrs. CAPPS. Madam Speaker, I rise today on behalf of my California district staff. They would like to honor Jeremy Rabinovitz as he prepares to go to the "dark side."

For the past 10 years Jeremy has led a variety of personalities with a variety of interests. He was able to take a group of passionate, idealistic former volunteers from a Congressional campaign, who in 1996 did what seemed like the impossible, won a Democratic seat in a district that had been held by a Republican for almost 50 years, and turned them into a functioning Congressional district staff.

Not all of the district staff has had the pleasure to be entertained by his top "10 things that a chief of staff doesn't want to hear from his Member of Congress." Not all of the district staff has had the opportunity to experience

one of his occasional visits to the district. Nor has the district staff had the opportunity, during the Special Election, to be serenaded at 5 a.m. on Election Day by his rendition of "Sunrise, Sunset." Neither have very many staff experienced the sight of Jeremy walking a predominately Spanish speaking precinct with a 3 x 5 card that said, "A votado hoy?"

Not only did JR lead a variety of personalities, he was quite adept at impersonating a lot of leaders—religious leaders. He had an uncanny ability to invoke the Lutheran minister, the African American preacher and the Jewish rabbi. Had he stayed around a few more years, he no doubt would have mastered the Muslim imam, or become an enlightened Buddhist. Jeremy has indeed enlightened us in many ways.

There are far too many comments that staff wanted to include in this honorable document. The one sentiment, not to be confused with sediment, both of which this district has much of, was that every district staff member appreciated the confidence he had in them.

Madam Speaker, the time has come for all of us, the Capps Family of the past and present, to send our good wishes and our indescribable affection, for this remarkable man who was our "Chief of Staff." Shalom and mazel tov!

CELEBRATING THE NATURALIZATION OF BERENDINA R.H. (DIET) EMAN

HON. VERNON J. EHLERS

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, February 27, 2007

Mr. EHLERS. Madam Speaker, I rise today to celebrate Ms. Berendina R.H. (Diet) Eman, who this morning became one of the newest citizens of our United States of America.

Ms. Eman is a native of The Netherlands, but has been a lawful, permanent resident of the United States in Grand Rapids, Michigan, for more than 4 decades. Ms. Eman deserves special recognition because during World War II, she was a member of the Dutch Underground Resistance to the Nazi occupiers of The Netherlands. As a young woman, Diet bravely and courageously saved the lives of countless Jewish Dutch citizens, helped numerous Allied soldiers escape from Axis forces and ultimately was imprisoned in the Vught concentration camp for her activities.

For these many acts of bravery, Ms. Eman was recognized immediately after the war by Gen. Dwight David Eisenhower, then the Supreme Allied Commander in Europe. She received a certificate signed by General Eisenhower expressing "the gratitude and appreciation of the American people for gallant service in assisting the escape of Allied soldiers from the enemy."

Years later, Diet was recognized by the Government of The Netherlands for her acts and also received a letter of commendation from President Ronald Reagan in 1982. In that letter, President Reagan noted that she "helped write one of the great chapters in the annals of bravery," adding, "In risking your safety to adhere to a higher law of decency and morality, you have set a high and fearless standard for all those who oppose totalitarianism."

She is now nearly 87 years old, and I am humbled by her excitement to become a U.S. Citizen after first coming to our country on December 31, 1960. This morning at 10 a.m., she was sworn in as a citizen by the Hon. Robert Holmes Bell in a private oath ceremony in Grand Rapids, Michigan. Although I was unable to attend the ceremony due to our duties here in Washington, I hope the members of this House of Representatives will join me in thanking Ms. Eman for her incredible acts of bravery and congratulating her upon becoming a citizen of our country.

HONORING CHET AND SYLVIA MORGAN

HON. JOE COURTNEY

OF CONNECTICUT

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, February 27, 2007

Mr. COURTNEY. Madam Speaker, I rise today to congratulate and honor Chet and Sylvia Morgan, of Vernon, Connecticut. The Morgans recently celebrated their golden wedding anniversary at the Rockville Elks Carriage House in Rockville, Connecticut.

On January 26th, 1957, Chet and Sylvia married at St. Bridget Church in Manchester, Connecticut. Fifty years later, Chet and Sylvia are still happily married, recently renewing their wedding vows at St. Joseph Church in Rockville.

Chet and Sylvia are the proud parents of three, grandparents of eight, and great-grandparents of four. One of their grandsons, Kody, is a Connecticut National Guardsman currently serving in Iraq. I know that Chet and Sylvia are especially proud of his service to our country.

On behalf of my hometown of Vernon and Connecticut's Second Congressional District, I congratulate the Morgans and wish them all the best in the years to come.

VIOLA DELEON MUNOZ

HON. JOE BACA

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, February 27, 2007

Mr. BACA. Madam Speaker, it is with deep affection that I tribute to the life of Viola DeLeon Munoz, long time San Bernardino community political leader and dear friend, better known by those who loved her as Vi.

Vi passed away in her Yucaipa home amongst the comfort of her family at the age of 75 on February 6, 2007.

She was born on June 22, 1931 in Houston, Texas, but called the Inland Empire home for most of her life.

Vi was a dedicated public servant. She devoted herself to advancing her community, fighting injustice, and engaging herself politically by supporting Democratic and Latino candidates.

I still remember meeting with her, the day her and her husband Jess developed the Latino Chicano Democratic Club.

Vi's involvement with Democratic clubs, voter registration and her passion for improving the lives of Latinos in the Inland Empire are just a few areas in which she inspired those of us who know her.

Vi was also a business woman and financier for 37 years. The business that she and Jess owned earned her the recognition as one of the most successful business partners in the area and was the catalyst for Vi's commitment to the betterment of her community. It also served as the central point within the community, where many local leaders discussed political, economic, and social issues.

Some of her many accomplishments include: President and member of the 65th Assembly District committee, vice-chairwoman of the party's Chicano-Latino Caucus, and member of the San Bernardino County Democratic Central Committee since 1996.

Vi was also the founding member of the Yucaipa Democratic Club, the Comision Femenil Mexicana Nacional, and the Chicana Service Action Center.

She is survived by her husband of 56 years, Jesus (Jess) Munoz, Sr., sons Jesus Munoz, Jr., and Kenneth Munoz, daughter Beverly Munoz, five grandchildren and six great grandchildren.

Vi has left behind a wonderful legacy of community and political activism. The many relatives and friends who loved her dearly, know that she will be missed. Vi touched us all with her kind deeds and leadership in our community.

My wife Barbara, my family and I extend our deepest condolences to Vi's family. May God bestow his comfort upon them at this time.

RECOGNIZING THE PEACE CORPS VOLUNTEERS FROM OREGON'S 3RD DISTRICT

HON. EARL BLUMENAUER

OF OREGON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, February 27, 2007

Mr. BLUMENAUER. Madam Speaker, President Kennedy, speaking 46 years ago at the establishment of the Peace Corps, remarked that, "The initial reactions to the Peace Corps proposal are convincing proof that we have, in this country, an immense reservoir of such men and women—anxious to sacrifice their energies and time and toil to the cause of world peace and human progress." What was true in 1961 is true today; Peace Corps Volunteers are an outstanding group of men and women serving the cause of humanity across the globe.

During this National Peace Corps Week, I want to honor the service and commitment of the Peace Corps Volunteers from Oregon's 3rd Congressional district and express my pride in my fellow Oregonians who have chosen to devote years of their lives in service to others.

In particular, I want to recognize those Peace Corps Volunteers who have begun their service in the past year: Annie Crater (Honduras), Michelle Gerdes (Tanzania), Benjamin Grace (Niger), Eli Mechanic (Morocco), James Murphy (Mali), Nicole Probst (Malawi), Radhika Reddy (Burkina Faso), Michael Thoresz (Belize), and Lauren Towery (Romania).

Their work to empower people and communities in developing countries is an invaluable contribution to creating a safe and prosperous world, building bridges between America and the world, and establishing a better future for people everywhere.

TRIBUTE TO THE NATIONAL ACTIVE AND RETIRED FEDERAL EMPLOYEES ASSOCIATION

HON. JIM SAXTON

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, February 27, 2007

Mr. SAXTON. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the Harry H. O'Claire Chapter #637 of the National Active and Retired Federal Employees Association (NARFE), on the occasion of its 50th anniversary.

Chartered in 1957 and located in Lakewood, New Jersey, Chapter #637 has maintained an abiding commitment to developing, promoting and implementing policies and programs to enrich the quality of life in its community. Its mission and focus has remained constant, and its efforts to protect and improve the retirement benefits of federal retirees, employees and their families have remained strong.

Throughout my time in Congress, it has been a privilege and a pleasure to work with Chapter #637, and in particular, my good friend, Frank Spatola, the current Legislative Chair. Over the years, we have worked together on behalf of seniors and retirees in Ocean County, New Jersey, on a variety of issues—including health care, Social Security, and other issues of importance to this community.

I congratulate the Harry H. O'Claire Chapter of NARFE on its 50th anniversary, and salute its exemplary history as an organization of concerned, responsible and involved citizens. I wish my friends at Chapter #637 many more years of success.

HONORING THE LIFE OF DEANNE STONE

HON. JOHN B. LARSON

OF CONNECTICUT

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, February 27, 2007

Mr. LARSON of Connecticut. Madam Speaker, I rise today to pay great honor to Mrs. Deanne C. Stone, who passed away on January 28th after a year long struggle with cancer. Born in Hartford, Connecticut and eventually residing in the state of Massachusetts, Mrs. Stone leaves behind a great legacy through her leadership roles and tireless volunteer work in many distinguished organizations, as well as through her friends and family who loved her dearly.

Born to the late Janet and Yale Cohn, Mrs. Stone demonstrated a passion for success at a young age. As Mrs. Stone's sister Barbara Gordon recalls, she was actively involved in her years as a young woman at Weaver High School, working on the school newspaper and eventually graduating as valedictorian of her class in 1957. She went on to graduate with degrees from Brandeis University and Leslie College. Dedicating her life to helping others, Mrs. Stone served in numerous leadership roles for many different organizations, ranging from The Foundation for Children's Books to local Brownie and Cub Scout troops, and an elementary school PTA president.

Known widely throughout the Jewish communities, Deanne Stone worked tirelessly with numerous organizations closely connected

with her faith. She was the Executive Director at Maimonides School and Temple Israel of Boston. She became the founding president of the Women's Division of the Greater Framingham Jewish Federation, and served with her husband, Harvey, as the co-editor of the Jewish Reporter.

Her passion for working within the Jewish community was acknowledged by receiving the honor of being named the national chair for the National Women's Department of the Council of Jewish Federations. Her faith and diligence was also recognized through an invitation to the White House to celebrate the signing of a historic peace treaty between Egypt and Israel.

Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me today in honoring the life of Mrs. Deanne C. Stone. Her tireless dedication to the local and Jewish community has touched and inspired those who knew Mrs. Stone, and will continue to resonate through her achievements. My thoughts and prayers are with her friends and family, especially her husband Harvey, and the families of her children Matthew and Allison, and sister Barbara. The Hartford community is thankful for having the honor of knowing Mrs. Deanne Stone.

HONORING CAPTAIN HARRY W. ORLADY'S CAREER AS A PIONEER IN AVIATION SAFETY HUMAN FACTORS

HON. JAMES L. OBERSTAR

OF MINNESOTA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, February 27, 2007

Mr. OBERSTAR. Madam Speaker, I rise to honor a true pioneer in aviation safety and human factors, on his distinguished career of service to the safety of world-wide aviation. Captain Harry W. Orlady passed away peacefully in his sleep on February 7, 2007 at age 86. A memorial service and reception will be held on Friday, March 2, 2007 in Los Gatos, California.

Captain Harry Orlady was a pioneer in the area of aero medical research and aviation human factors. He had a lifelong passion to improve aviation safety in order to, in his words, "make the system better for people who use it." He wrote and delivered more than 100 papers and presentations, conducted studies on medical disabilities, pilot incapacitation, and flight crew complement. He was the originator and principal developer of United Airlines' Flight Safety Awareness Program, the first formalized and effective non-punitive incident reporting system, which was the model for the NASA Aviation Safety Reporting System. Captain Orlady initiated work on pilot incapacitation research at United, and he was the originator of the "two communication rule" that has been a mandatory procedure for years at most of the world's airlines.

Harry Orlady initiated "human factors" research and practices before the importance of those concepts was understood and widely accepted in the aviation industry. Prior to that time, the aviation community was apt to label most accidents as "pilot error" and simply move on without understanding how the system and the equipment contributed to these errors, which were the primary cause of aircraft accidents.

Harry Orlady served as a mentor to numerous young researchers at NASA and at the nation's colleges and universities. At a time when the airlines did not take human factors principles seriously, Harry Orlady worked tirelessly to provide access to these young researchers, with the result that human factors principles would ultimately become part of the standard curriculum at all major airlines, worldwide, and they remain so today.

As a direct result of Captain Orlady's tireless efforts to raise awareness with senior aviation decision-makers, training concepts such as Crew Resource Management (CRM) became recognized and accepted as an essential element of all military and civilian flight training programs. Human factors training programs are now required by the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA), and by most of the world's civil aviation authorities, as well as in International Civil Aviation Organization (ICAO) Annexes.

Captain Harry Orlady was active in the Air Line Pilots Association serving multiple terms on the Negotiating Committee, System Board, as Chair of Council 12, and was founder of the Medical Committee. He strongly believed that pilots should not have to retire at age 60. To support that belief, and he completed the Honolulu Marathon at age 59 in 4 hours and 36 minutes.

Retirement from United in 1980 did not slow Harry Orlady down. He counted among his post-retirement contributions: 9 years as a senior research scientist with NASA's Aviation Safety Reporting System; an FAA consultant in the certification of the B747-400 and MD-11; and co-author, with his daughter Linda, a B767 Captain at United, of a well-received book *Human Factors in Multi-Crew Operations*, which has sold more than 4000 copies.

Captain Orlady received numerous awards for his hard work including United's W. A. Patterson Award, the Aerospace Medical Association's Harry G. Mosely Award, induction into the Wisconsin Aviation Hall of Fame, and as an elected Fellow of the Aerospace Medical Association. However, Harry Orlady would tell you that the main satisfaction of his work came from his peers, from people who told him that he made a difference, and most of all, from watching those whom he coached and mentored make contributions to the industry.

Aviation aside, Harry Orlady's main interest was his family. Harry met the love of his life, Ellen, when she was a stewardess for United during the DC-3 days. At the time, stewardesses were required to be registered nurses and also could not continue to fly once married. Harry and Ellen were blessed to share 59 years of marriage. Besides Ellen, Harry is survived by 4 children: Roger and his

wife Nancy; Sue and her husband, John Brown; Linda and her husband, John Cirino; and Craig; as well as his "bright lights," grandchildren: Stephanie, Steve, and Scott Brown.

Madam Speaker, Captain Harry Orlady's contributions to aviation safety will be long remembered and carried on by his many colleagues and students. He will be greatly missed, but his momentous contributions will live on forever.

HONORING ROBERT L. HARRIS

HON. BARBARA LEE

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, February 27, 2007

Ms. LEE. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the extraordinary life and work of Robert L. Harris, a native of Oakland, California. Today Bob celebrates his retirement from Pacific Gas and Electric Company (PG&E), where he currently serves as the Vice President of Environmental, Health, Technical and Land Services. His outstanding contributions to his company are second only to what he has given back to our community. I am proud to have this opportunity to salute him for his many years of service.

Bob graduated from Merrit College in 1963 and the University of California, Berkeley School of Law (Boalt Hall) in 1973. There he had a memorable career, where he was an associate editor for the California Law Review. He was admitted to the California State Bar on December 13, 1972, and was a state bar examination grader from 1973-1979. He made continuing education a priority throughout his career, completing the Harvard Graduate School of Business Advanced Management Program, as well as the Management Development Program at Duke University's School of Business.

Almost immediately after his graduation from law school, Bob was invited to join the legal staff of PG&E. In 1985, he became the first and only lawyer in PG&E's history to argue and win a case for the company in the United States Supreme Court. The issue he won pertained to free speech.

In 1989, Bob was selected to become the manager of one of PG&E's major operating divisions in its East Bay region in Oakland, California. He was the first lawyer ever appointed to such a position within PG&E. In that position, he proved his exceptional leadership skills in the face of disaster on more than one occasion. In 1989, the Loma Prieta Earthquake devastated the Bay Area and damaged PG&E's facilities. Despite the severity of the

situation, Bob was able to keep his division afloat and organized. Two years later, the Oakland Hills Firestorm, the largest urban firestorm in United States history, struck and devastated our region. During this crisis, Bob was once again able to lead a demonstration of commitment to Bay Area residents, and PG&E restored service to the remaining homes in record time. As a result, PG&E won accolades from throughout the East Bay for maintaining service to their customers, no matter how grave the situation.

In addition to his success with PG&E, Bob has distinguished himself in numerous endeavors within the community. He is an active longtime member of the Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity, and has served as the Sire Archon (president) of Alpha Gamma Boulé of Sigma Pi Phi Fraternity. Bob is a former president of the Charles Houston Bar Association of the San Francisco Bay Area, and in 1970-1980, he served as president of the National Bar Association. He is one of the founders of the California Association of Black Lawyers, and served as a member of the Board of Commissioners at the Port of Oakland from 1996-2000.

Bob is also active in energy matters that impact African Americans. He is the second vice chairman and former general counsel of the American Association of Blacks in Energy. Bob is a board member of the U.S. EPA's National Advisory Council on Environmental Justice, the National Energy Policy Commission, the California EPA Advisory Committee on Environmental Justice, and the California League of Conservation Voters.

Bob is well known for his unparalleled dedication to community service and has received numerous accolades for his work. Among them is the NAACP's highest legal honor, the "William Robert Ming Award," as well as the National Bar Associations highest honor, the "C. Francis Stradford Award." In July 2005, he also received the Kappa Alpha Psi's highest honor, the "Laurel Wreath." Currently Bob chairs the United Negro College Fund's Bay Area Advisory Board, and has received its highest honor, the "Fredrick D. Patterson Award." On five different occasions, he was selected by Ebony Magazine as one of the "100 Most Influential Blacks in America."

Today, the friends, family and colleagues of Robert L. Harris have come together to celebrate his career and immeasurable contributions to our community. On this very special day, I join all of them in thanking Bob for his invaluable service, and for the profoundly positive impact his work has had on countless lives here in California's 9th U.S. Congressional District, across our country and throughout the world.